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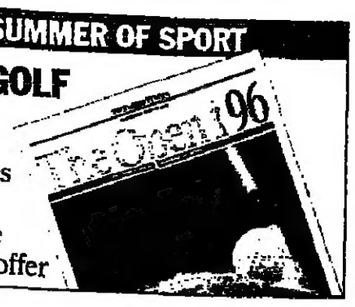

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Tough spending battle in prospect

Clarke freezes public sector pay bill again

BY JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP WEBSTER

KENNETH CLARKE is to impose a freeze on the public sector pay bill for the fourth year running as he tries to cut up to £5 billion from existing spending plans.

Five million public service workers face the prospect of pay increases having to be found from savings in their department budgets as the *Government refuses again to* increase their £80 billion pay bill.

Preparing for what is expected to be the toughest pre-election spending round on record, the Chancellor will tell the Cabinet today that he hopes to cut the £268 billion target for public spending next year by between £3 billion and £5 billion to reduce Government borrowing and leave some scope for modest tax cuts.

Mr Clarke will also warn ministers that he expects most Whitehall departments to reduce their running costs by 2-3 percentage points. He will argue that this should be affordable through lower than expected inflation.

The Chancellor spent much of yesterday fending off claims that the Tories had a secret agenda to privatise the welfare *state and adopt American* Republican-style ideas to reduce the size of government.

He claimed that a Treasury strategy document disclosed exclusively in *The Times* yesterday had been written "by kids" and did not represent Government policy.

But he found himself under fire from rightwing Conservatives who felt he had too cavalierly dismissed some of the ideas put forward by officials to Sir Terry Burns, the Treasury permanent secretary. *John Redwood says in an* article in *The Times* today: "I do not agree with all their conclusions but I do think we need to take action to curb the Government's appetite for our money."

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said it showed the "huge divide" between the parties and would be a central issue at the election.

But Mr Clarke will turn today from the debate about future spending to immediate demands on the public purse. His move to impose a further freeze on the public sector pay bill — allowing pay increases only if they can be found from efficiency savings — will infuriate lower-paid workers following the decision by MPs to award themselves a 26 per cent pay rise.

The decision risks provoking a winter of industrial disputes in the run-up to a general election.

In a Commons debate yesterday largely eclipsed by the row over the Treasury document, Mr Clarke signalled another tough round of negotiations to get borrowing back on course. He said he had conducted three of the toughest spending rounds of any modern Chancellor, and suggested that the trend would continue.

But the hard line signals Mr Clarke's determination to keep spending under control and paves the way for some tax cuts in the autumn. It will also delight rightwingers who have been pressing him to take a more robust line on spending as he appeared to talk down the chances of tax cuts.

The Cabinet is privately expected to agree a provisional figure for the spending control total for 1996/97 at today's meeting.

But ministers are likely to announce a similar formula to last year, that the current "ceiling" of £268 billion will remain unchanged, with the unstated aim of reaching a lower settlement. Last year the ceiling was cut by more than £3 billion when the figures were announced in the November budget.

William Waldegrave, the chief secretary to the Treasury, will also report to the Cabinet on the changes since last year's forecasts, *pointing out* the lower than expected inflation levels. But he will argue that this year's settlement will be tighter than expected due to the extra £1 billion which has to be spent on eradicating BSE next year. Key pressure points during this year's public spending round are defence, social security, education and transport.

> ❛Thank heaven for kids having fun at the Treasury❜
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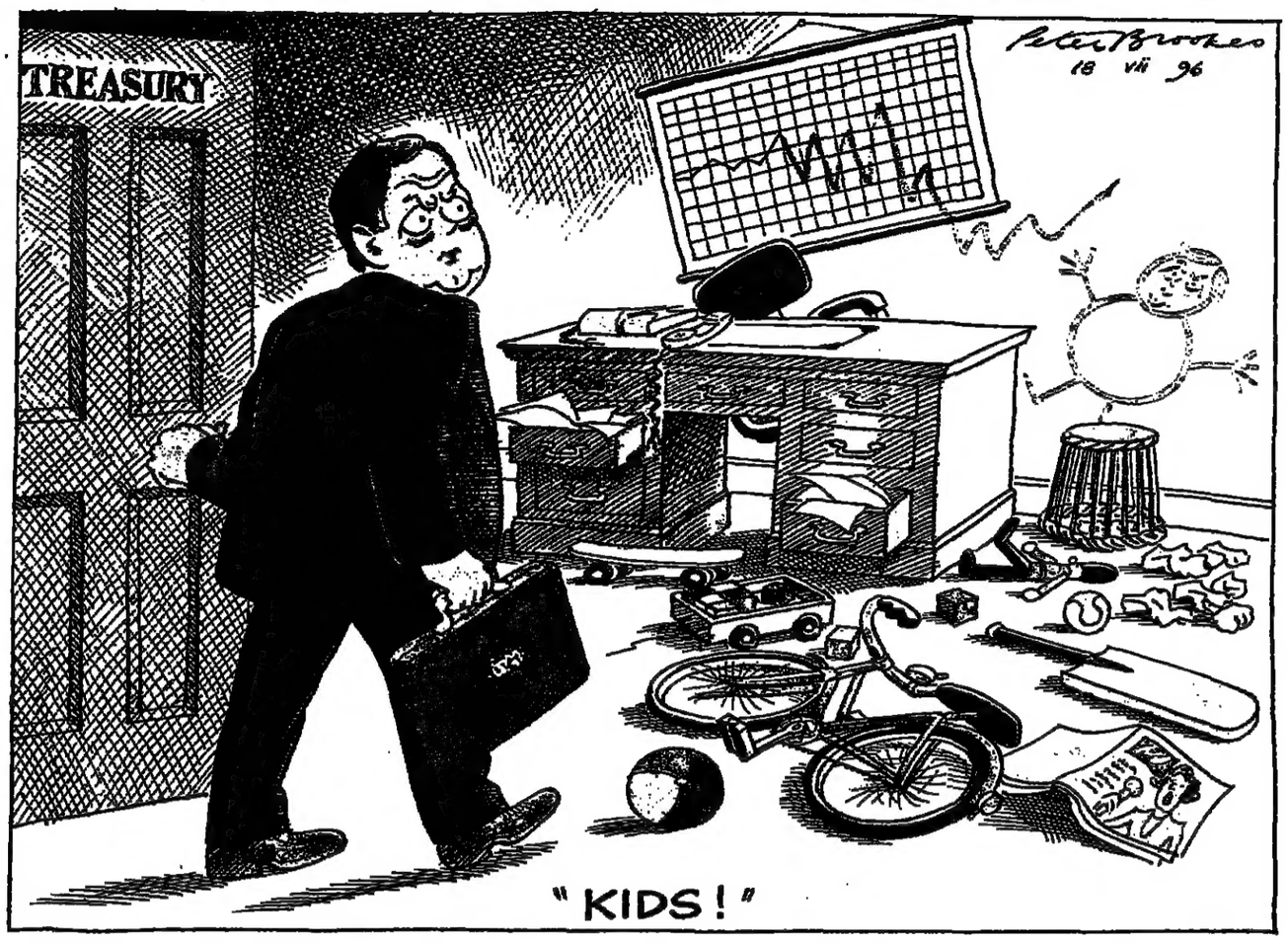

Unmasked: Peter Pans of the Treasury

BY ANDREW PIERCE
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE'S dismissive description of the authors of the leaked Treasury report as "some kids in the office" could not have been further from the truth.

Far from being mere office "juniors", as the Chancellor of the Exchequer preferred people to believe, the authors of strategy paper have more combined experience at the Treasury than the Chancellor's 56 years on earth.

The most senior member of the quartet in age is in her early 40s. At least one of the "kids" has been tipped to reach the upper echelons of the Civil Service. Which was a *far cry from the official Trea*sury line yesterday morning. "They are former students," said one official.

Well, they were about 20 years ago. The architect of the report was Helen Goodman, *37, the deputy team leader of* the Strategy Finance and Purchasing Department. Ms Goodman works on the fourth floor of the Treasury, two levels above the Chancellor. They rarely meet.

She is the only one to feature in the latest issue of the Civil Service handbook. Many colleagues predicted yesterday that Ms Goodman was destined to rise further. "She is good and committed and will do well," said one colleague.

Ms Goodman, whose is paid about £40,000 a year, is a Grade 7 principal officer. She graduated in 1979 in PPE at Somerville College, Oxford, which was Margaret Thatch*er's alma mater.*

She has enjoyed a varied career at the Treasury, which she joined after she left university, and was seconded briefly to Eastern Europe.

The other three members of the team who worked on the 123-page document include Fabia Jones, in her late thirties, who is also a Grade 7 principal officer. Mrs Jones, an economist by training who joined the Treasury in the *early 1980s, has just been* signed off on maternity leave.

The third member was George Kyriacou, 27, a higher executive officer, whose salary is in the £30,000 region. Mr Kyriacou is the grade below *the two women. He joined* about three years ago as an administrative trainee.

The fourth member was Anna Molloy, a personnel secretary, who has been with the Treasury since the 1979 general election. She was the administrator on the project, which was completed earlier this year. "She is in her early forties and has been at the Treasury for an eternity," said one official. "She was proba*bly very fluttered to be called a* kid."

Mr Clarke, by contrast, was a relatively youthful 30 when he became an MP, and a mere 32 when he became a Government Whip. He joined the *Cabinet when he was 45 which* would have made him only a few years older than Mrs Molloy.

The four backroom technicians were dubbed the "Fab Four" and the "Gang of Four" by their Treasury colleagues yesterday who were revelling in the Chancellor's latest gaffe. On BBC Radio 4's *Today* pro-

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"Apparently Botham hit out at his slow delivery"

Primary source

Joe Klein, a political columnist for *Newsweek*, was revealed last night as the author of *Primary Colors*, the satirical account of President Clinton's 1992 campaign.

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Bingham exposes legal rift

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE new Lord Chief Justice exposed a deep division at the top of the judiciary last night when he came out in favour of incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into British law.

In his first public speech since taking office a month ago as the country's most senior serving judge, Lord Bingham of Cornhill rejected the view that incorporating the convention would give judges more power.

Lord Bingham's comments, at the annual dinner for judges hosted by the Lord Mayor of the City of London last night, come a week after Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, gave a warning that to enshrine the convention would draw judges into the political arena. Lord Bingham said that the argument that those who favoured incorporating the convention were "sometimes accused of seeking to arrogate vast new areas of authority to the judges" did not hold water.

Breaches and alleged breaches of the convention were already the subject of judicial decision, not only at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg but also in the courts here, Lord Bingham said.

"Incorporation would ... give British judges the opportunity to rule before the court in Strasbourg."

The reform, which could be done by enacting a Bill of Rights so that the convention was then directly applicable in British courts, might be expected to appeal to those critical of decisions by the Strasbourg court, Lord Bingham added.

Last week Lord Mackay said that to incorporate the convention would see judges making decisions of a more political nature and with more bearing on social policy. He gave a warning that this would lead to scrutiny of the political stance of those applying to be judges as was done in America. The reform is however strongly backed by Lab

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Labour demands end to Tube strike

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JONATHAN PRYNN

LABOUR took a tougher line on the London Tube strike yesterday by calling on the rail unions to abandon today's walkout. The strike threatens to bring the capital its worst travel chaos in seven years.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Employment Secretary, with the authority of Tony Blair, said: "We are in favour of arbitration, we are in favour of that arbitration being binding, and we think it inappropriate for the dispute to continue in the light of our proposal."

Mr Blunkett's comments came as hundreds of thousands of commuters prepared for a total one-day shutdown of the Underground as a result of the decision by the two main drivers' unions to take joint action. All of the Tube's 270 stations are expected to be closed until tomorrow morning after last-minute talks between London Transport and the Aslef and Rail, Maritime and Transport unions ended in failure.

Today's strike, estimated to cost the economy £30 million, is the first of a planned summer series of nine walkouts over working hours. Three earlier strikes involving only Aslef had little impact.

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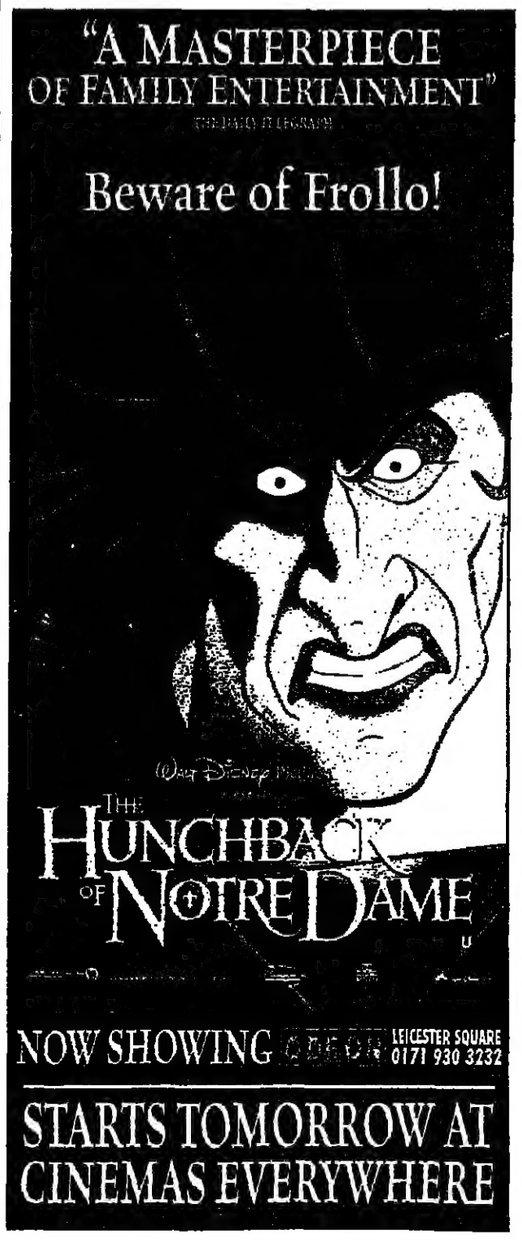

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Mattress of mud saves boy in 110ft shaft fall

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A BOY aged four who fell 110ft down a disused mineshaft survived with only cuts and bruises after landing in a pool of mud.

Tom Roberts was exploring a field behind his home in Holywell, Clwyd, on Tuesday evening when he tripped and fell into the 5ft-wide shaft of a lead mine. Damien Davies, a potholer, *heard his cries when* he went to warn another child to stay away from the shaft.

Mr Davies, 44, said: "I raced back to get my climbing equipment and lowered my*self down.* Tom was shouting out. When I got down there he was standing up to his knees in mud and water with his hands against the wall, sobbing.

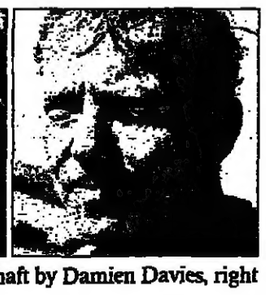
"There was a lot of loose material falling away so I covered him with my body and comforted *him in the* darkness until the Fire Brigade arrived."

The child was winched to the surface using a safety harness and taken to Glan Clwyd Hospital at Bodelwyddan suffering from head and face wounds and shock. Mr Davies was also winched out.

A spokesman for the Fire Brigade said that the mud had acted like a mattress. "He is lucky to be alive. It was fortunate for him that there was thick mud at the bottom of the shaft and that he didn't touch the sides on the way down."

Mr Davies said he was *alerted to the danger by his* brother and a neighbour while having supper at his brother's house near the shaft. "My heart started racing as I realised what might have happened. The shaft has been there for nearly 400 years and has never been properly covered." Mr Davies said he rushed to the edge of the mine and peered in, to see murky water at the bottom. "I was really alarmed, but I suddenly heard a cry. I was astonished, but relieved, as it meant the little lad was alive. What I didn't know was how badly injured he was."

David and Paula Roberts, who moved to the area recently, were at their son's bedside last night. A spokeswoman for the hospital said Tom would probably go home tomorrow.



Tom — rescued from the shaft by Damien Davies, right

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Beware the political straight man: he will make you his fall guy

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

A PARADOX about politicians is too often missed. We watch an oily Tory ducking and weaving at the dispatch box, or an evasive Labour spokesman sidling round the question, and we say, "Why won't they give straight answers? See the body language! Why does he avoid our eyes? These people are slippery."

More rarely we see an MP who looks his audience in the eye and, in language plain and manner bluff, spells out his message in terms none can mistake. And we say: "A straight one at last! That's an MP I could vote for."

Beware, for the politician who when being slippery seems slippery, is the relatively honest one. The MP who, failing to answer a question, leaves you aware that the question has not been answered, has not misled. It is the hail-fellow-well-met, call-a-spade-a-spade, I-speak-as-I-find kind of fellow, often with a regional accent — the blunt one who gives us what sounds like straight-talking — who can be the most slippery of all.

It is very unlikely he has told the whole story because, in the awkward business of politics, people with real responsibility seldom can. If he has managed to sound like an uncomplicated bloke with a simple message then he is probably lying. And if he does convince, then he is trickier than the politician who fails.

And so we turn to the two heavyweight performers in yesterday's debate on the economy: Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer; and his Shadow, Gordon Brown. Mr Clarke spoke with his usual confidence and directness. Laughing off leaks from an internal Treasury document as the work of teenagers he had not even heard of, he swept criticisms aside and trampled heedlessly over his prepared text, departing to answer whatever criticism came his way and taking every intervention willingly. He took his hecklers head-on. He never minced words and appeared careless of the effects of his language and impatient with weasel phrases: incapable of ambiguity.

"What my boffins, as I call them, have to do ..." was a phrase I jotted down. "His last league table was pretty useless," he joked, of Mr Brown. "Now I know why Sheffield went bust!" he cried, when challenged by the economics of Clive Betts (Lab, Sheffield Attercliffe).

It was a breath of fresh air. This was surely a bruiser, but a straightforward one, plain speaking, a man of the people. One recalled the approach for which Denis Healey became famous and popular: impolitic phrases like "silly billy" and "out of their tiny Chinese minds". Clarke's was the careless, confident speech of a man with nothing to hide.

Gordon Brown was different. He had precious little to say and this embarrassed him. He became horribly bogged down in a half-hour wrangle about the significance or otherwise of the leaked document Clarke had, with a sweep of the arm, dismissed. Clarke accused him of raising a smokescreen to hide the poverty of his own proposals. Brown lowered his eyes and stumbled on. He looked and sounded uncommunicative. It was one of his more wretched afternoons. But I asked myself whether I might not prefer a politician who, when evading, looks unhappy about it.

Kenneth Clarke holds that when few are likely to believe you there is no point in pretending. This is a doctrine echoed by all the most sophisticated PR theorists. It may be that this rough-hewn Chancellor's PR is more sophisticated, not less, than the rest of his smoother-talking political generation.

Primaries to select half pupil intake

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

PRIMARY schools will be given the right to select up to half their pupils under the new Education White Paper, Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said yesterday.

Mrs Shephard told MPs there would be no distinction made between primary and secondary schools in the Government's plans to encourage a grammar school in every town.

A grant-maintained primary school would be able to test five-year-olds for 50 per cent of its places and a council primary could select 20 per cent, in line with the extra powers being proposed for secondary schools.

Mrs Shephard was speaking at the Commons Select Committee on Education, where she was pressed on her commitment to more grammar schools. While privately she has been sceptical of greater selection, publicly she has maintained support for John Major's vision of a grammar school in every town.

But Mrs Shephard told MPs she did not expect primary schools to make use of their new powers. "There is no distinction under the law at the moment," she said, referring to the existing powers of grant-maintained schools to select up to 15 per cent of their pupils without seeking Government approval. None has yet done so.

"The law allows all schools, whether primary or middle, to select if that is their wish without going through statutory procedures. But I don't expect the primary sector to espouse selection," Mrs Shephard said.

When questioned whether she shared a desire for a grammar school in every town, the Education Secretary replied: "I would be very happy if that were the outcome of these proposals."

Mrs Shephard could not say when the White Paper would become law. The proposals to give schools direct control over more of their budgets would not, however, be debated "in this Parliament."

She said she did not want a return to the system of grammar and secondary modern schools, simply to encourage a greater range of schools.

"We do not intend to return to a two-tier system, that is not our policy, nor is it the policy as laid out on the White Paper."

The BBC is making viewers hang on three weeks to see how the cast of *Murder One* responds to the verdict

Courtroom drama fans put BBC in dock

By Kathryn Knight

THE BBC last night caved in to viewers angered that the dénouement of the 23-part thriller *Murder One* had been postponed because of the Olympic Games. The corporation announced that it would show two episodes consecutively on August 6, with the final chapter the next night.

More than 100 viewers had rung the BBC yesterday to complain about the original decision, with many others unable to get through. Explaining the response, a BBC spokeswoman said last night: "Viewers will now have a triple treat."

The American courtroom drama is one of several BBC programmes to be replaced by coverage of Atlanta from tomorrow. Some programmes, including *Children's BBC*, are to go to BBC2, causing further confusion.

A typical television schedule has Olympics coverage on BBC1 from 7am to 9am, 9.05am to 12.35pm, 1.40pm to 5.35pm, 7pm to 8.30pm, and 10.10pm to 4.25am. BBC2 takes over from 8.30pm to 10.10pm. BBC2 has shown *Murder One* on Tuesday nights at 9pm, with episodes repeated the following night.

"Some people will be upset," a spokeswoman admitted yesterday, before the change of plan was announced. "But the Olympics is a major sporting event and we are committed to covering it for the nation. Programmes have only been delayed, and others have been moved to BBC2 for the duration." *Murder One* has regularly attracted 3½ million viewers.

In this week's episode, the defence and the prosecution made their closing speeches, the judge summed up, and the jury considering murder charges against the victim's boyfriend retired. But viewers looking forward to hearing the verdict were told after the twentieth programme that the final episodes would not be shown for three weeks.

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Legal rift

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our, in particular by Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, who argues that citizens would have a quicker remedy over abuses of human rights if they could have them adjudicated in British courts rather than making the long trail to Strasbourg.

Last night Lord Bingham also entered the debate between judges and ministers and their respective powers, stating that judges had no "extra-territorial ambitions". He made clear, however, that judges would continue to make the law in the courts.

He added that judicial review, in which ministers have seen a series of decisions overturned, ensured that powers conferred by Parliament were used as it intended.

Lord Bingham avoided reference to Michael Howard's controversial sentencing plans expected to be contained in a Bill this autumn. But he said that judges were entitled to hope that their "scope to exercise their powers of judgement will not be unduly restricted". They would also hope that the "ancient link between justice and mercy will not be sundered by statute"

Minister in letter row will keep job

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

JOHN MAJOR is to keep David Davis as the Minister for European affairs until the general election. The Prime Minister let it be known last night that he has no intention of sacking or moving Mr Davis in next week's "mini reshuffle" despite reports that the minister wrote to Mr Major several weeks ago asking to resign because of his unhappiness at the beef policy and frustration over lack of promotion.

Authoritative sources told *The Times* last night that Mr Major regarded Mr Davis as a highly valued member of the Government who would have an important role in negotiations in the coming months. Mr Major wanted to clear up the "nonsense" circulating about his future.

Mr Major has clearly forgiven Mr Davis over what ministers regard as a foolish decision to have written the letter, and to have talked about it to someone he regarded as a friend.

Davis: assurance from the premier

The Prime Minister has told Mr Davis that he wants him to stay, and Mr Davis has readily agreed.

The reshuffle will not involve Cabinet members. Two ministers, Tim Eggar at Energy and Steve Norris at Transport, are to leave the Government, and there will be a number of other changes in the lower and middle ranks.

Peter Pans

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gramme be dismissed the document as cranky and "a leak from some kids in the office, some juniors who were asked to go out and produce this as part of a management review".

He added: "This is my unkind and middle-aged description of bright young things in the Treasury who have been asked to go out and consider what consequences possible political changes in the world might have for management structures in the Treasury."

Mr Clarke was revising his his words by yesterday afternoon. Having called them "kids" in the morning they were "middle ranking" officials by the time of the Commons debate.

The report was commissioned by the Treasury Management Board which is chaired by Sir Terry Burns, the Permanent Secretary. One official observed last night: "He is not accustomed to talking to kids or office juniors."

Treasury officials made clear yesterday that no ministers had read the report. They have now.

DSS to establish internal market

By Dominic Kennedy, Social Affairs Correspondent

PETER LILLEY is to create an internal market in the Department of Social Security on the lines pioneered by the National Health Service.

He hopes to encourage businesses to invest millions of pounds in new computer systems by offering them the chance to compete with civil servants to handle benefit claims.

The internal market will be introduced next April. Like the health service, the principle will be to separate purchasers of services from providers, encouraging competition and saving money.

"The people who specify contracts and monitor performances need to be distinct from the people who deliver the result," the Secretary of State told DSS managers yesterday.

He hopes the market will help to achieve his aim of cutting 25 per cent from the £3 billion annual cost of administration. Jobs will be lost but said he hoped that many of these would be through natural wastage and redeployment rather than redundancy.

Mr Lilley wants to consign as much paperwork to the dustbin as possible, taking the DSS away from its clerical, pen-pushing past into a computerised future. But he needs private investors to inject the capital needed to pay for the complex programmes.

A study of income support, which is paid to four million people a year and costs £1.7 million to administer, shows that Benefits Agency staff perform up to 300 steps, and complete as many as 250 forms, when handling each claim. Mr Lilley hopes to reduce this to 100 steps.

A typical claim can take five days to complete and involve five members of staff. But only 29 minutes is spent working directly on the claim, the rest of the time is liaising. Sixty per cent of forms are wrongly completed.

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Boy on Jade murder charge remanded into care

A BOY aged 13 charged with murdering the schoolgirl Jade Matthews was remanded into secure local authority care for a week yesterday.

He spoke only to confirm details of his identity and to acknowledge that he understood the charge during a six-minute hearing at South Sefton Youth Court, Merseyside.

Frank Dillon, his solicitor, said afterwards that the boy — who cannot be named for legal reasons — emphatically denied the allegation.

The boy is accused of murdering the nine-year-old girl at Netherton, Merseyside, on July 7. Cuthbert Regan, for the prosecution, opposed bail and applied for him to be remanded into local authority care.

Mr Dillon made no application for bail and supported the application for a care order. Rex Whitrow, solicitor for Sefton District Council, applied for a secure accommodation order, which was granted by the bench chairman, Jim Dixon.

The boy, dressed in a black T-shirt, a turquoise and purple jacket, blue jeans and white trainers, sat in court as the legal formalities were conducted. His stepfather sat in the front row of the well of the court, close to the boy, wearing a black bomber jacket and listening intently.

Fifteen minutes after the hearing the boy was driven away from the court, watched silently by a crowd of about 50 people who had gathered outside. He was driven away in a white van belonging to the Merseyside police Operational Support division, accompanied by four police motorcycle outriders.

Outside the courtroom Mr Dillon made a statement in which he said: "My client emphatically denies the allegation. He is entitled to the presumption of innocence which is the very cornerstone of our system of justice. It is vitally important that my client is afforded a scrupulously fair trial and that nothing is said, done or published which is likely to impede the course of justice and the due process of law."

The dead girl disappeared after going out to play near her home in Bootle. Her battered body was found 1½ miles half away at a railway sidings early the next morning.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MEPs call Britain to account over BSE

Britain and the European Commission are to be called before a European parliamentary inquiry to answer allegations that they mishandled the BSE crisis, MEPs decided yesterday. The move to set up a formal Commission of Inquiry followed anger in the Strasbourg parliament this week at reports that the Brussels executive had sought to play down the BSE crisis and suspicions that it had not taken all necessary measures to handle the disease.

The leaders of the main political blocs in the Parliament decided on the brief for an inquiry yesterday. A 17-member panel is to carry out a three-month hearing to "clarify the nature and causes of the alleged infringement or maladministration of the application of Community law by the competent authorities of the European Union and the member states with regard to BSE". The state mainly targeted is Britain, and the Parliament is certain to endorse the leaders' decision in a vote today which will launch the inquiry.

Coastguards cleared

The coastguards on duty at the time of the Lyme Bay canoe disaster in March 1993 were yesterday cleared of blame by the official inquiry into the tragedy. Four teenagers died when their canoes capsized in bad weather during a school trip to Dorset. The Portland coastguards were criticised druing the trial of the trip organiser for being slow to react. The report into the accident, published yesterday, said none of the deaths could be attributed to the coastguards' actions and that no disciplinary action should be taken.

Hume tells PM of anger

John Major had a heated meeting last night with MPs from the Social Democratic and Labour Party who expressed the anger of Northern Ireland's nationalist community over the handling of last week's Orange Order marches. Nationalist MPs told the Prime Minister that the decision to let the marches go ahead had destroyed the community's confidence in the Northern Ireland talks. John Hume, the SDLP leader, led demands for assurances that security would be improved for future marches to protect nationalists.

Mother and child shot

Postnatal depression may have led a woman to shoot dead her 23-month-old daughter and to turn the shotgun on herself, her mother said yesterday. The bodies of Mandy Fisher, 34, and her only child, Emma, were found by her husband, David, at the family's home in Wymondham, Norfolk, on Tuesday. Christine Lake said that her daughter had not been the same since giving birth to Emma by Caesarean section. "She was very quiet after the birth ... I think she might have been depressed."

Smokers lose legal aid

The Legal Aid Board has said it can provide no further financial backing to smokers fighting for compensation from tobacco giants for failing to outline the health risks of cigarettes. The board ruled that claims for funding did not satisfy legal criteria. Dozens of former smokers suffering tobacco-related disases are seeking legal aid. Requests to help to mount actions were originally turned down but the decision was reversed on judicial review in 1994 and legal aid was granted to a series of claims in February 1995.

Murder jury sent home

The jury in the Sophie Hook murder trial was sent home for the night after failing to reach a verdict after four hours of deliberation. Howard Hughes, 31, denies twice raping the seven-year-old, strangling her and throwing her body into the sea after taking from a tent in her uncle's garden in Llandudno on July 30 last year. The jury of eight men and four women requested a transcript of Mr Hughes's evidence. Mr Justice Curtis explained it was not available, but spent 50 minutes reading them his note of the testimony.

Chas Chandler dies

Chas Chandler, bass player with the Sixties pop group The Animals and the man who discovered Jimi Hendrix, has died after a suspected heart attack. He was 57. Chandler, who built a successful career as a rock manager and promoter after the Animals broke up, died in Newcastle General Hospital early yesterday after collapsing at his home in Cullercoats, Tyneside. He leaves a wife, Madelaine, and three children, Alex, 17, Katherine, 13 and Lizzy, 7.

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Deportation challenge

A young Nepalese man won a court battle yesterday to challenge the Government's refusal to let him remain in Britain. Mr Justice Laws said that the case of Jay Khadka, 19, was exceptional, which was one of the criteria for relaxing immigration rules. Mr Khadka was brought to Britain at the age of 14 by Richard Morley, who says he was honouring a promise to the boy's father. An immigration appeals tribunal's recommendation that he be allowed to stay was rejected by the Home Secretary.

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Football player badly injured by republican gang

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

A FOOTBALLER may never play again after republican thugs burst into his Ulster home and broke his leg and kneecap with spiked cudgels. Last night Donal Gray said he had no idea why he had been the target of a "punishment squad".

Gray, 19, a junior international, was one of the brightest young stars of Irish League football, and had returned to play in Ulster only last season after a transfer from the Scottish club Partick Thistle. He was at home with his father early yesterday when four masked men arrived claiming to be from the Provisional IRA.

So-called punishment beatings by republican and loyalist paramilitary gangs have increased hugely since the IRA called a ceasefire at the end of August 1994. Gray, a defender with Glenavon FC in Lurgan, Co Armagh, said in hospital: "They kicked down the door and said they wanted me outside. I wouldn't go out and was screaming. One of them had a gun. He put it to my head and said if I didn't go out he would blow my head off."

Gray was attacked in the hallway, and then again when he was pushed outside into the garden. He said: "I just curled up in a ball. They hit my legs and one of the first blows was the break. They just kept beating at me and I covered my head and let them hit away. My left leg is agony."

Interviewed on BBC Radio Ulster, he added: "They knew I have a career and now it is just messed up. The doctors said they thought it was very serious and I might not be able to play again. Even if I recover physically, my head's all messed up."

Police described the attack at Newry's Bancroft Park estate as "cruel back-street thuggery". Detective Inspector Alan Maines said: "This is a 19-year-old of great footballing talent who was no doubt going in the right direction to the top of his sphere in Northern Ireland. His injuries could mean a very promising footballing career is in jeopardy."

Gray is to have surgery today at Belfast City Hospital. Brian Strain, of the Northern Ireland Professional Footballers' Association, who is also a physiotherapist, said: "He will need a long period of rehabilitation after suffering those types of injuries. His career could be threatened. It is very worrying that one of our fellow professionals has been injured in this type of incident. Everyone in the Irish League will be thinking of Donal."

A spokesman for the Glenavon club said: "He is a promising young player and we were hoping that he would have held down a regular place in the senior side this season."

In another attack in the republican Markets area of Belfast, a man suffered a broken arm when he was attacked by a gang in an alley. Alliance Party councillor Dr Philip McGarry condemned the attacks as "the latest in a series of vicious beatings, many of which have left their victims with long physical and psychological effects".

In the 18 months before the 1994 ceasefire, there were ten known "punishment" beatings by republicans. Since then, there have been more than 270. Loyalists carried out 51 before the ceasefire, and more than 130 since.

The IRA has claimed that it carries out its beatings in order to punish alleged "anti-social elements".

Politicians from all sides have condemned the IRA for acting as judge, jury and executioner.

The IRA gangs in the Newry and South Armagh area are notoriously brutal. In 1994 John Fee, an SDLP councillor, was beaten by a gang outside his home after he condemned an IRA mortar attack on a security base.

Donal Gray in action. He is now in hospital after his leg and kneecap were broken

Husband failed to tell wife he was a woman

By Russell Jenkins

A MARRIAGE was declared null and void after 17 years when a wife discovered her husband was really a woman, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday. Their relationship was based on a "profound deception", her counsel said.

The couple had two children — a boy aged 9 and a girl of 4, — who were born after the woman underwent artificial insemination from a donor. The wife said her husband had told her he had had a vasectomy.

Eventually she began divorce proceedings after an argument in which she accused him of not being a real man. She hired a private detective to find out her husband's true sexuality by producing his birth certificate.

The husband took his case to the appeal court after a High Court judge ruled that he had married by committing perjury and that, consequently, he was not entitled to a division of the marriage wealth or automatic access to the children.

After the hearing, Madeleine Rees, his solicitor, said that the case raised profound issues about the status of transsexuals in British society. She said that if her client won his case, it would be a step in the right direction for the "true identity of transsexuals of both sexes."

Neither of the couple can be named in order to protect their children. The husband, called "J" in court, lives in the Birmingham area and his former wife, now 49, lives with the children in West Sussex.

Ben Emerson, for the husband, said his client had "an unshakable conviction that at his core he is a man, although he is trapped in a woman's body". Mr Emerson said it was never discussed before or during the marriage "what the nature of this man's birth position was".

He said there had been ample chance during sexual intercourse for the woman to realise she was in "a relationship with someone who was not a full-blooded man".

The man had an operation to remove his breasts and had undergone hormonal treatment before he met the woman. During intercourse he used an artificial sex aid. He had never told her his original gender and now accepted that he should have done so.

The three appeal court judges, Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Potter, were asked if the man could have been said to have committed a perjury when he declared himself a bachelor on the marriage certificate.

Lord Justice Ward, announcing that the judgment would be reserved, said: "We are aware of the growing body of medical and international opinion that this court will ignore at its peril."

RSPCA censures pigeon post stunt as outrageous

By Russell Jenkins

A PUBLICITY stunt involving the transportation of racing pigeons in cardboard boxes around London by courier, went badly wrong as the birds landed on the desks of bewildered financial journalists.

The "pigeon post" from Scottish Life International, an Edinburgh insurance firm, was condemned as "absolutely outrageous" by the RSPCA, which sent an inspector to round up forlorn pigeons at *The Times*, the BBC *Money Programme*, the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Mirror* for inspection by a vet. The RSPCA claimed that some of the birds were so frightened by their bumpy ride around the capital that they laid eggs even though it is outside their breeding season.

Altogether Clarendon, a London-based public relations company, dispatched 77 pigeons to television companies and national newspapers to promote a new savings bond. The homing pigeons, it said, should be watered and set free. The journalist whose pigeon arrived back first in its loft in Brentford, northwest London, would win a case of Famous Grouse whisky.

Jo Crozier, an RSPCA spokesman, said: "We are absolutely outraged. These birds were being sent to people who were not expecting them and hadn't any idea of how to look after them." Literature that accompanied the packages claimed that the birds were being carried in an RSPCA-approved box, but the RSPCA denied this.

Late yesterday all but the pigeons in the hands of the vet had arrived back at the loft. James McDonald of Clarendon, who dreamed up the idea, said that he would not have organised it if he believed it was cruel. The birds were transported by approved carrier — Amtrak Express Parcels — in appropriate boxes.

John Allison, marketing director of Scottish Life International, said: "The last thing I want to do is to have any connection with anything that involved cruelty."

A pigeon in the box in which it was delivered

Holiday on Riviera for Princess

By Stephen Farrell

THE Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York flew to the French Riviera for a holiday with their children yesterday.

They arrived at Cannes airport in a private chartered jet accompanied by three armed police bodyguards and were quickly driven away in a white minibus and two black limousines. They are thought to be staying at a villa owned by a wealthy friend.

The break follows the Princess's divorce hearing and her decision to sever links with nearly 100 charities earlier this week.

Yesterday, it emerged that some charities dropped by the Princess of Wales are unlikely to find royal replacements. Other members of the Royal Family are heavily committed and senior figures in particular are reluctant to take on more. Buckingham Palace is expecting approaches from many of the charities but is likely to encourage them to seek figureheads in other walks of life.

Headway, the head injuries organisation at which the Princess announced her withdrawal from public life in 1993, has voiced fears it may not be able to find another member of the Royal Family. Ian Garrow, the chief executive, said: "I think we and the other charities abandoned by the Princess will find that the other royals will not be able to take on the extra burden."

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Crafty dog was manipulating policewoman, says trainer

By Stephen Farrell

A POLICE dog-handler accused of giving a former WPC a hopeless German Shepherd in order to ruin her career said yesterday that the dog had simply learnt to manipulate its owner.

PC David Brown denied accusations by Elizabeth Fletcher that she was given a "duff" dog in a conspiracy to stop her joining the male-dominated Nottinghamshire police dog section.

During the training course in September 1993, PC Brown wrote in his course notes: "The dog has the ability to take advantage of the slightest opportunity." Asked to explain, he told a Nottingham tribunal yesterday: "What the dog was doing there was taking advantage of the handler."

Mrs Fletcher, 43, is claiming compensation from Nottingham police for sexual discrimination after injuring her knees falling over the dog, Beau, in training and on active duty. She claims the dog was easily distracted while tracking offenders and did not bite hard enough to hold on when it caught them.

PC Brown accepted that Beau had difficulty barking and "took off" during one training exercise, causing Mrs Fletcher to fall over and hit a concrete post.

But he said accidents were inevitable in simulated chases and claimed the animal had no more problems than most novice dogs. "This dog was not a poor one. At the end of the 13-week training course he was up to the required standard."

Dogs under stress reacted in three different ways: bite, flight, or lay down and pretend to be dead, he claimed.

"The bite situation often happens with novice handlers and novice dogs where the dog will feel the stress and react by turning round and biting the handler. The dog is saying: 'I've had enough. Stop it.'

"Another dog will turn round when under stress, just fold up, lay down: say, 'I give up, totally give up.'

"The third dog will get out of the handler's reach, and it is thinking: 'I'll jump away two feet. Now I've got away from the stress — I'm free from it.'"

Beau, he said, fell into the third category. It also had a tendency to roam because its previous owner's children had left the door open, allowing it to wander the streets.

PC Brown denied telling Mrs Fletcher: "Give the dog to me, you stupid woman, and I'll show you how it's done," or telling her a YTS trainee could do better.

He admitted ignoring her because he felt that anything he said could be misconstrued, and that the culture in the dog section, in which Mrs Fletcher was the only woman at the time, was male-dominated.

PC Brown has been on sick leave with depression for more than a year. He was moved from the dog section after another complaint and told the tribunal he found it "deeply upsetting" that he had had no contact with dogs since.

The tribunal heard that Beau was now an Army dog and was making good progress.

The hearing continues.

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MPs say foetus responds at ten weeks

New evidence on foetal pain raises abortion doubts

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

THE unborn foetus is capable of feeling pain from the tenth week of pregnancy, according to a report from the Parliamentary Pro-Life Group that will raise new doubts about the ethics of abortion.

The report of findings by 15 scientists from Britain, Ireland and Australia will say that foetuses can experience pain earlier than previously thought. If confirmed, this could mean a radical revision of abortion practice to ensure that foetuses are anaesthetised before being removed from the womb.

Of the 165,000 abortions carried out in England and Wales each year, about 100,000 are performed at nine weeks or later.

The report, published today, runs counter to evidence presented in an official review by Maria Fitzgerald, professor of neurodevelopmental biology at University College Hospital, London, which was commissioned by the Health Department.

The report, *Foetal pain — an update of current scientific knowledge*, published in May 1995, concluded that there was no evidence that the foetus could feel pain prior to 26 weeks because its brain and neurological system were not sufficiently developed.

Some scientists, not linked with the Parliamentary Pro-Life Group, are questioning this conclusion. As reported in *The Times* last February, Professor Nicholas Fisk and Dr Vivette Glover, two of Britain's foremost researchers on foetal pain, say the issue demands examination.

Advances in surgery mean that many foetuses undergo operations inside the womb without analgesia even though pain relief is routinely given to premature babies of the same gestational age undergoing the procedure after birth.

Dr Glover, a psychopharmacologist in the department of paediatrics at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Chiswick, London, said that the perception of pain required consciousness which, in adults, depended on electrical activity in the cortex of the brain.

"Below 13 weeks' gestation, the foetus has no such cortical activity. After 26 weeks the full anatomical system is present and the foetus is quite likely to feel pain. The area of uncertainty is between 13 and 26 weeks," she said.

Professor Fisk, also of Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, measured levels of cortisol, a stress hormone, in foetuses from which blood samples were taken in the womb. He found that the level rose sharply as the needle was inserted. "This is the first evidence that the human foetus mounts a definable stress response to a potentially painful stimulus," he said.

Other experts have criticised these observations, saying that there are huge differences in individual responses to pain and an unclear margin between pleasure and pain, which could not be distinguished in terms of hormonal responses.

A spokesman for the Parliamentary Pro-Life Group said yesterday: "The onus of proof is now on those who say the foetus does not feel pain. If they cannot prove it there should be a requirement for appropriate anaesthesia."

MICHAEL POWELL

Journey to centre of the Earth

Wonders of the world opening up around two young visitors as they descend into the Natural History Museum's new £12 million Earth Galleries.

Leanne Smith, left, and Lucy Bates, both 13, from Highbury Fields, north London, were at yesterday's opening day of the centre, which uses high-tech interactive exhibits to entice children to learn about earthquakes, volcanoes, rare minerals and fossils (Peter Foster writes). At the rejuvenated former Geological Museum in Kensington, central London, the naturalist Sir David Attenborough said it would help to restore vital elements of wonder at the world of science. "The spectacular exhibits will light a flame of enthusiasm which can grow into serious interest," he said. The galleries, half-funded by a National Lottery grant, were opened by Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary. Visitors can experience a simulated earthquake — including sound effects with shuddering floors — and wonder at a pair of fossilised footprints dating from 3.8 million years ago. Dr Giles Clarke, who oversaw the design of exhibits, said he hoped to show that earth sciences were not dull.

"We wanted to attract people to the subject matter and deepen their understanding and appreciation of the world around them, explaining how continents shift and volcanoes explode."

Arts groups saved from insolvency

By Shirley English

SCOTLAND'S four debt-ridden national arts companies have been pulled "back from the precipice" by an ambitious rescue package announced in Glasgow yesterday.

Scottish Ballet, Scottish Opera, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra were facing insolvency with combined deficits of £978,000. Their survival looks more secure with the promise of extra Scottish Office funding, the possibility of National Lottery cash, and closer working arrangements.

But the opera and ballet will share an orchestra from next year, a move considered unacceptable three months ago. Jobs losses may also be inevitable.

Lord Lindsay, Scottish Arts Minister, said: "This is something of a turning point. In a sense what we are looking at is the Crown jewels of Scotland's cultural life, but we cannot give them a blank cheque."

The main thrust of the package is to form, with immediate effect, a National Companies Implementation Group (NCIG), chaired by Neil McIntosh, CBE, who also chaired the working group responsible for yesterday's report.

Made up of representatives from the Scottish Office and the Scottish Arts Council, it will oversee the introduction of changes over the next two to three years. The NCIG will also take control of the purse strings, effectively relieving the Scottish Arts Council of the responsibility of allocating funding, which from now on will be ring-fenced.

The companies have all prepared financial estimates to 2000 and the Scottish Office has agreed to meet forecast debts, investing £1.3 million this year, followed by an average £2.25 million a year for the next three years.

The success of the plans relies heavily on lottery funding of £300,000-£400,000 to stabilise the companies and to allow them to create new works.

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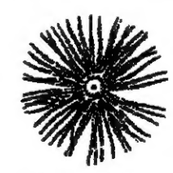
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Botham admits he altered ball's shape but not condition

By Joanna Bale and Tim Jones

THE High Court battle between Ian Botham and Imran Khan threatens to disrupt next Thursday's Test match between England and Pakistan. Mike Atherton, the England captain, is to be called to the witness box by George Carman, QC, to give evidence on ball-tampering, which dominated much of yesterday's hearing.

During an acrimonious duel with Mr Carman, Botham denied he was tampering with a ball in a video recording of a Test match against Pakistan in 1982. The film appeared to show him examining and pressing a ball with his fingers, and Mr Carman claimed that Botham was picking at the seam of the ball.

Botham said he could never have used his nails to unpick the seam as he did not have any. Offering to show his nails to Mr Carman, the former England captain said: "I have bitten them since I was a kid."

Mr Carman declined the offer, saying: "I don't know when you had your last manicure." Botham said he had merely been trying to push the ball back into shape.

CARMAN: Were you trying to alter the condition of the ball?

BOTHAM: No way. Altering its shape.

CARMAN: Oh, for heaven's sake!

BOTHAM: The shape, not the condition.

CARMAN: Mr Botham, you should have been a casuist.

The judge intervened: "Now, that's a comment, Mr Carman." Mr Carman apologised before Botham continued.

BOTHAM: We had continuously asked for the ball to be changed. But if the umpire says no, you try to change it in front of him. There is no skulduggery.

CARMAN: Is it a technical breach of the rules if you change the shape of the ball in your hands?

BOTHAM: No, sir.

Mr Carman then read an article from *The Sun* about ball-tampering, quoting Imran as saying: "All the greats have done it."

CARMAN: You don't agree with that?

BOTHAM: No, I don't.

Mr Carman then turned to Atherton's autobiography, *A Test Of Cricket*, published in 1995, in which Atherton says there was "nothing new in players trying to alter the condition of the ball", and that because it was "common practice" the laws should be changed to allow it.

Mr Carman asked Botham whether he agreed with Atherton's comment that it was common practice. Botham replied: "I'm in no position to comment on Mike Atherton's opinions. I suggest you ask Mike Atherton."

Mr Carman replied: 'I will.'

The court watched a television clip of Geoff Boycott, the former England opener, in a 1994 programme *The Devil's Advocate*, when he said that ball-tampering — seam-lifting and using lip salve and sun cream — had become an acceptable practice and he had seen it done by a lot of players.

Botham: denies having tampered with ball

Asked if he had seen it many times, Botham replied: "No — I've questioned it once or twice."

Asked if it surprised him that an "English cricketing legend" agreed with Imran that it was an accepted practice, he answered: "Geoffrey Boycott is entitled to his own opinion. I have not used any of those practices."

Botham also denied he had broken the rules while he was bowling during a Test match against India. The jury had heard Ted Dexter, the commentator, saying Botham had thrown a new ball to Bob Taylor, the wicket-keeper, so he could perhaps remove the lacquer with his gloves.

Mr Carman produced a new pair of wicket-keeping gloves and asked whether it was possible the ball could be dried with the rubber dimples on the palm. Botham said it would require sandpaper to take the lacquer off the ball and could not be done with a glove. He said it was his practice to throw a new ball at the wicket-keeper so the moisture could be removed.

CARMAN: Mr Dexter is one of the greatest experts in the world of cricket but said it was the first time he had seen that happening.

BOTHAM: Ted is prone to make those statements.

Botham is suing Imran for libel over an article in *The Sun* in which he said that illegal ball-tampering was common among fast bowlers.

Botham and Allan Lamb are also suing over an article in *India Today* magazine in which Imran allegedly accused them of racism, of being uneducated and of lacking class and upbringing.

The hearing continues.

SIMON WALKER

People waiting outside the Royal Courts of Justice, where queues form an hour before the doors open. "You get addicted," said one spectator

Better than television, ideal for pensioners

By Joanna Bale and Tim Jones

THE daily spectacle of two of the cricketing world's greatest heroes locked in a legal battle every bit as compelling as their on-field clashes draws hundreds of excited spectators every day.

With limited space in the public gallery, the race for a seat in the stands for the Ian Botham and Imran Khan contest begins when the main doors of the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand open at 9am. By 9.30am, a long queue of pensioners, cricket fans and starstruck teenagers has formed outside Court 13.

They wait patiently, swapping opinions over who is likely to win and how much money the loser will have to pay. Among them are journalists, vying for the eight places in the press box.

As the usher opens the door at 10am, the civility ends and it is every man — or woman — for himself as the crowd surges forward, eager to secure a seat. As ribs are elbowed and toes crushed, the shrieks of pain and indignation echo around the ancient stone walls. Spectators struggle to squeeze, one by one, through a tiny door into the arena, where they hurl themselves onto one of the oak benches.

Rose Price, 76, from Dagenham, east London, was first in the queue yesterday. "I'm bored with my humdrum life as a pensioner. When you come to something like this, it stimulates the brain. It's so much better than television."

Next to her in the public gallery was William Wass, also 76, of Hackney, east London. He had been every day since the trial began and was explaining the finer points to Mrs Price.

Smiling with anticipation, he said: "Once you come to a case like this, you get addicted to it. That's why I have to come every day. It's so much better than reading about it in the newspapers. It's a real education and you are able to see all the famous people in the flesh.

"People who work all day really miss out. It's ideal for pensioners like me because you can just sit and watch."

Lisa Norman, 14, from Cambridge, came with a schoolfriend who shared an interest in becoming lawyers. She said: "We were brought here by a solicitor friend who introduced us to Ian Botham and Allan Lamb. It was very exciting."

Nizam Entezam, 65, from south London, said that he had come to see his sporting heroes. He said: "I managed to shake hands with all three of them. They are all people I admire and I wish them all well. I have been a great fan of Botham for years and love to see him play, but also admire Imran and Lamb."

A retired businessman who declined to give his name said he had been coming to the High Court "once or twice a week" since he saw the Derek Bentley and Christopher Craig case in 1952, who were charged with murdering a policeman. He said: "I like to see justice being done, but most of all, I love the drama."

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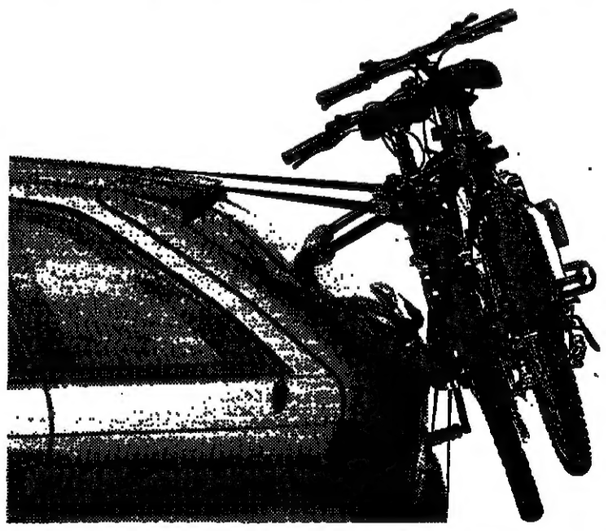

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Army to create rainbow warriors

By Dominic Kennedy

SOLDIERS of the future will have chameleon uniforms that change colour and adjust the level of insulation depending on the temperature. Prototypes are being designed and tested at the Defence Clothing and Textile Agency.

Weather is the main enemy of soldiers on the battlefield. "More soldiers have died from hypothermia and exposure than in battle," Richard Scott, chief scientist at the agency's science and technology division, told *New Scientist*.

Air is the main insulator in clothing, so scientists are looking at ways to change the amount of air trapped in a single layer. They hope to build sensors that monitor the external temperature and adjust the insulation accordingly. Another possibility is the use of artificial fur with fibres that rise and fall with heat and cold.

The team wants to create fireproof clothing that is comfortable and light, instead of the bulky suits of today. "What we're looking for is a smart material that sits passively in the clothing without interfering with comfort and becomes heat-resistant only when there is fire."

The agency, based at Colchester, Essex, is also investigating substances that swell at high temperature to form a thick protective layer. A few millimetres extra thickness can provide 30 seconds' protection, enough to save lives in fires.

Clothes that change colour to reflect heat are also being developed. Mr Scott is experimenting with green material that becomes white in a fraction of a second when exposed to a flame. "We can get pastel shades and green but we haven't got the blacks or browns needed for camouflage," he said.

On the battlefield of the future, soldiers will have to be invisible not only to the eye but to infra-red and radio waves. Thin metallised coatings can help to hide them from infra-red night-sights but will make them stand out like beacons on radar. "This one will be difficult," Mr Scott admitted.

Past designs of combat clothing have used an onion-skin approach: lots of layers, each contributing a particular characteristic. The agency's aim is to reduce the layers to three.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Accountant cleared of impropriety

A leading accountant has been cleared of any impropriety by the Charity Commissioners and the National Audit Office. Gerry Acher had been accused of a conflict of interest when KPMG, in which he is a senior partner, provided services for the charity Motability, of which he is vice-chairman. Motability, which helps the disabled to lease cars using welfare payments, was cleared of operational criticisms.

Charge dropped

Jack Robinson, 54, chairman of Wigan rugby league club, had a charge of conspiracy to defraud a weekly newspaper dropped. Wigan magistrates remanded him on bail accused of three other offences.

Damages upheld

The Sunday Times lost an appeal against an "excessive" £45,000 libel award to Victor Kiam, the Remington chief executive. It had alleged that he filed for bankruptcy protection after defaulting on a loan.

Just a snifter

The first scented magazine advertisements for alcohol, using the smell of juniper berries to promote Gordon's Gin, are being featured in seven publications including *Homes and Gardens*.

CORRECTION

An article (July 16) about Tessa Jowell, Labour MP for Dulwich, was not written by her but was based on an interview with Jason Cowley, whose name was accidentally omitted.

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Promoter died 'after police baton blows'

By A Staff Reporter

A MUSIC and boxing promoter died after being repeatedly struck over the head with an American-style police baton, an inquest jury was told yesterday. Brian Douglas, 33, was said to have been "crumpling" unconscious to the floor when he was hit with the truncheon again.

Recalling the "unprovoked attack", Stafford Solomon, a friend of Mr Douglas, told the hearing: "Every night when I go to sleep, I see PC Martin Tuffey bring his truncheon down on Brian's head."

Mr Solomon, who said his wrist was broken and his head trodden on by the same policeman, added that when he saw Mr Douglas in a police cell he was shocked at his condition. "He looked terrible. The whole of the left side of his face had dropped, as had his lip."

The inquest at Southwark Crown Court heard that Mr Douglas, of Balham, southwest London, was taken to St Thomas's Hospital, where he slipped into a coma and died five days later on May 8 last year. Mr Solomon, 40, told the coroner, Sir Montague Levine, that the night his friend was fatally injured had begun peacefully in a Clapham wine bar. Just after midnight, as they drove home, Mr Douglas stopped his car to let Mr Solomon relieve himself. Mr Solomon said he then heard a lot of shouting.

He turned to see two officers running towards him and Mr Douglas, who had got out of the car. He recalled hearing a series of groans from Mr Douglas as PC Tuffey's colleague, PC Paul Harrison, delivered a series of truncheon blows to his body.

The boxing promoter tried to back away, only to be attacked by the other officer who "smashed" his truncheon over his head "for no reason", Mr Solomon said. He added that police later dropped all charges against him. The inquest continues.

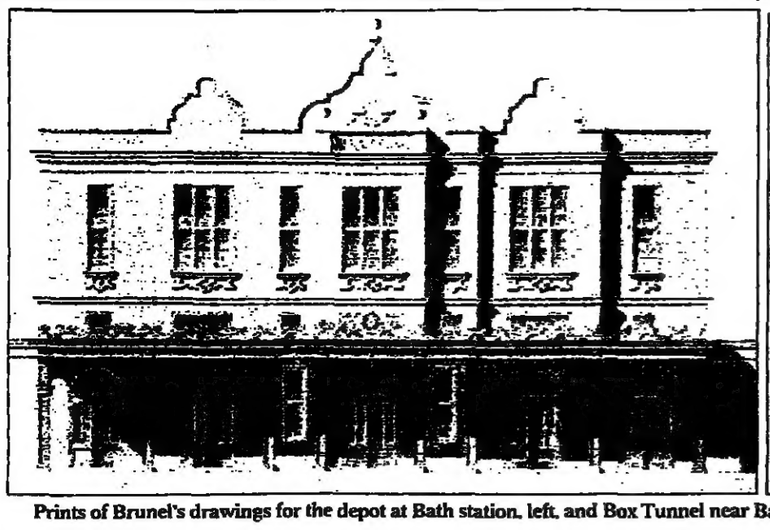
Old Testament has grains of truth

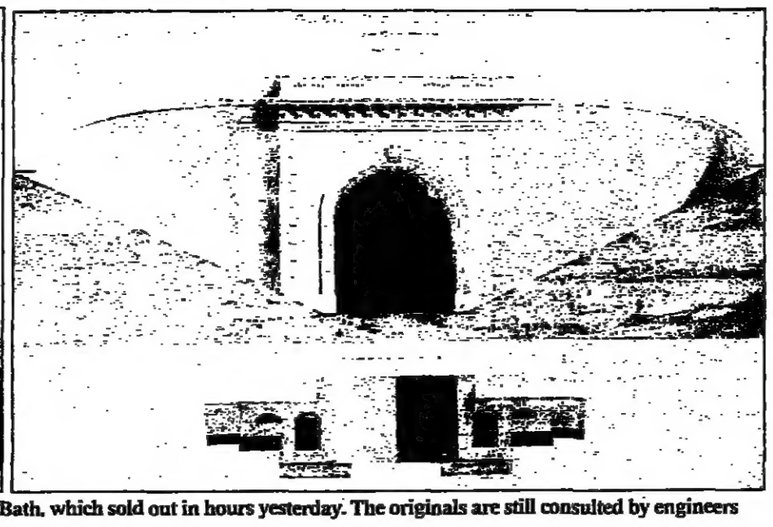
CEREAL grains from Jericho have produced evidence supporting the Old Testament account of the Exodus. The grains are taken from an archaeological layer that corresponds to the Bronze-Age destruction of the biblical site.

By precise carbon dating, researchers from Israel and Holland have established that the grains are about 3,311 years old. This was 45 years after a volcanic eruption at Santorini in the Mediterranean which spread debris throughout the region. Some experts think the eruption was responsible for the plague of "darkness that can be felt" which, according to the Book of Exodus, occurred immediately before the flight of the Hebrews from Egypt. The Bible says that after leaving Egypt, the Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land and destroying Jericho.

If they set out just after the Santorini eruption, as has been claimed, they would have arrived at Jericho at the right time to account for its destruction, as testified by the age of the grains. The findings, revealed in a letter to the science journal *Nature*, undermine the claims that Jericho and other sites in Canaan were destroyed by Egyptian armies of the XVIIIth dynasty.

Hendrik Bruins, from the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, and Johannes van der Plicht, from Groningen University, Holland, wrote: "Although they are powerful tools, archaeology and pottery are not the sole avenues that can be used to unravel the human past."





Prints of Brunel's drawings for the depot at Bath station, left, and Box Tunnel near Bath, which sold out in hours yesterday. The originals are still consulted by engineers

Rail fans make tracks for rare Brunel prints

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

COPIES of original railway drawings by Isambard Kingdom Brunel never seen before by the public sold out within hours yesterday.

Railway enthusiasts flocked to Swindon Railway Museum where the 6,000 prints were put on sale by Railtrack more than 150 years after they were hand-drawn by the great Victorian engineer.

Railtrack staff said they were staggered by the response and could have sold the initial print run of 1,000 copies of six classic drawings at £8 each more than four times over.

The original drawings, which are still consulted by engineers making repairs to Brunel structures, are kept in secure air-conditioned lockers at Swindon. They are regarded as among the most valuable archives from the industrial revolution.

Thousands of drawings by Brunel, revered round the world as the greatest railway engineer, have survived from the 1830-40s, but they have never before been in open circulation. Railtrack is expected to release copies of a further selection of drawings to meet public demand.

The first prints feature the Royal Albert Bridge at Saltash, Cornwall; the West Portal at Box Tunnel, near Bath; Bath station; Dorchester Road station in Culham, Oxfordshire; the timber viaduct for the Devon and Tavistock railway; and the station building at Bristol Temple Meads.

The first five drawings are by Brunel himself and the sixth is by his friend Matthew Digby Wyatt, who helped in the construction of Paddington station, west London, in 1854.

Peter Noble, 67, Brunel's great-great-grandson, said that he was "absolutely delighted" that rail enthusiasts were being allowed to see the work.

"I inherited some of the drawings but I live in a small cottage and could not cope with a national heritage like that," he said.

Watchdog seeks more powers to fine Camelot

By Jon Ashworth

EXTRA powers to impose steep fines on Camelot were sought yesterday by the National Lottery regulator after a series of rule breaches. Peter Davis wants harsher penalties at his disposal to tackle problems such as under-age sales and poor information.

Mr Davis, who has been angered by suggestions that he is a "toothless watchdog", outlined his tougher stance in the Oflot annual report. Ticket sales exceeded £5.2 billion in the year to March, making the lottery bigger than the £4.5 billion confectionery market.

With the pre-tax profits of the operator Camelot running at about £1.5 million a week, the regulator says that fines must be big to be a disincentive.

The report says that Camelot should do more to tackle retailers who sell tickets illegally to under-16s. Mr Davis told BBC Radio 4: "I think they have made considerable efforts, but I am encouraging them to do more. They can't take away a retailer's franchise without hard evidence that the retailer has broken the law. I want to make sure that they gather all the evidence in every possible case."

Problems were highlighted by the case of a 15-year-old boy who won £10,000 on an Instants game. Camelot is taking the matter to court to try to establish a precedent on such issues.

Mr Davis has powers to seek a court order requiring compliance, to report breaches publicly, and to suspend or revoke a licence, but has limited powers to impose financial penalties. He has asked the Department of National Heritage to consider legislation to strengthen his hand.

Camelot faces ongoing penalties of £1 million a day if it falls behind with the installation of lottery terminals, but Mr Davis said the availability of more financial penalties would reduce the number of "housekeeping" transgressions. He added: "Clearly if the sums were to be trivial, it would be no disincentive. What I am looking for is a real disincentive to Camelot to make sure they take these things seriously."

The size of any fines would be a matter for Parliament. Camelot breached the terms of its licence on 17 occasions during the year, although the transgressions were technical and minor. Many related to the sale of merchandise such as T-shirts and key rings. Player information was not available in some retailers. Camelot rectified the problems as soon as they were pointed out.

Mr Davis acknowledged that 1995-96 had been a difficult year. A report by MPs on Mr Davis's acceptance of flights on corporate jet from GTech, a lottery backer, is due to be published later next month.

Mr Davis said there was little or no reliable evidence to indicate that the lottery was causing addiction. Capping the jackpot would be a relatively simple step, almost inevitably leading to a fall in sales.

Old Etonian bought drugs for pupils

AN OLD Etonian was caught by security guards in the grounds of Eton College with a pocketful of drugs which he planned to sell to pupils, a court was told yesterday.

Thomas Seidler, 19, admitted possessing 311.6 grams of cannabis resin with intent to supply at the college, where Prince William is a pupil, on November 6 last year. He had previously admitted four other drugs charges.

Eloise Marshall, for the prosecution at Reading Crown Court, asked Michael Collins, QC, the Assistant Recorder, to record not guilty verdicts on two other charges which Seidler denied. Seidler, who has been suspended from Warwick University, had denied possessing magic mushrooms and amphetamines with intent to supply.

Francis Jones, representing him, said: "Seidler, having knowledge of a dealer, collected money from other students with the idea that to purchase in volume, a cheaper price could be got for all.

"It was not profit for himself. It was that all of them were getting cheaper drugs."

Seidler, of Streatham, south London, will be sentenced on all five drugs charges on August 2. He was bailed on condition that he does not go within two miles of the college.

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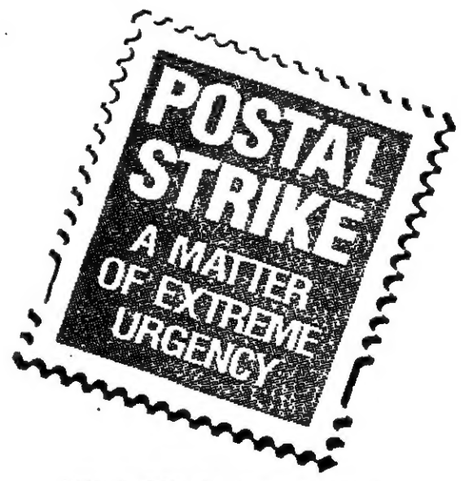

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Huge out-of-town shopping centre beats policy switch

By Sarah Cunningham

THE largest and possibly last of the out-of-town shopping centres that have changed the face of many communities will create 6,800 jobs and attract up to 30 million customers a year, Michael Heseltine said yesterday.

The £700 million Bluewater development near Dartford in Kent was one of the last to be given planning permission before Department of the Environment rules were tightened. Its developers admit that, were they to apply today, Bluewater would be unlikely to be approved.

The area is in the heart of the Thames Gateway, the government-backed initiative to regenerate the riverside from east London to Sheerness in Kent. Despite concern among local traders about losing business to Bluewater, Dartford council supports the scheme. A council spokesman said: "It will bring thousands of new jobs to the area and regenerate the whole environment."

Ivor Jones, leader of the Labour-led council, said: "We were very fortunate in getting in before a stop was put on this kind of development."

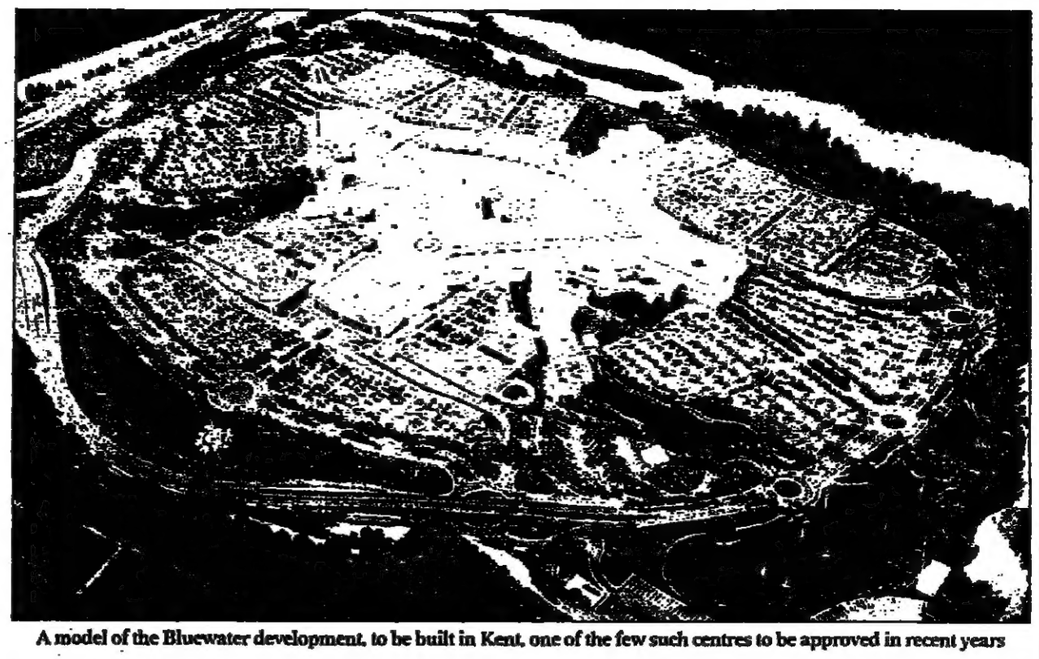
Mr Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday unveiled the foundation stone of the shopping and leisure centre, which will have a cinema, cafés and restaurants as well as 275 shops. It is being built on the site of a disused chalk quarry. During construction up to 7,000 further jobs will be created.

When it opens in the spring of 1999, the triangular-shaped centre will have a Marks and Spencer, House of Fraser and John Lewis in each corner with Boots, C & A, W H Smith and other stores in connecting malls.

Almost 10 million people live within an hour's drive of the site, which is near the M25 and the A2. The centre will have 13,000 car parking spaces, coach parking and a bus station and terminal. The local council is also considering building a light railway link.

Bluewater, which will cover 1.6 million square feet, will eclipse the Metro Centre in Gateshead and the Lakeside Shopping Centre in Thurrock, 15 miles away at the other end of the Dartford Tunnel.

The scheme is being developed by the Australian property giant Lend Lease together with Blue Circle Industries.



A model of the Bluewater development, to be built in Kent, one of the few such centres to be approved in recent years

Funding is being provided by Lloyds Bank, Barclays, the Royal Bank of Scotland and the Prudential group.

Mr Heseltine said of the Bluewater scheme: "It is a classic example of regenerating previously-used industrial land and underpins the UK's global ability to attract substantial inward investment."

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, who has said that he wants to restore "the viability and vitality of town centres", was not at the ceremony yesterday. His department was represented by the junior minister David Curry, who said it was possible that Bluewater would be the last retail centre of its size to open.

Only a handful of big shopping centres have been given the go-ahead in the 1990s. Most of them, like Bluewater, slipped under the wire before the rules were changed but Mr Gummer vetoed a proposed centre at Duxford, Cambridgeshire.

The development is also expected to benefit from the proposed Ebbsfleet International Station, which will bring day-trippers from France and Belgium thought the Channel Tunnel.

The council spokesman said: "A few years ago this quarry was going to be the biggest landfill site in Europe. Now we will have this wonderful new development which will bring people from miles around, even from Europe. Of course there will be problems, but we will work hard to ensure town centres do not die and the surrounding environment is protected."

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Magpies' move not black and white

By Paul Wilkinson

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE is split over proposals to build a super-stadium to match its soccer side's status as a leading British club.

Sir John Hall, Newcastle United's chairman, wants to create a multimillion-pound sporting club, embracing other games such as rugby and ice-hockey. His preferred site at Castle Leazes, a quarter of a mile from Newcastle United's ground at St James's Park, is on the Town Moor — green-belt parkland protected by ancient covenants. It is also within a conservation area.

Hall: delighted with support for new venue

The idea has antagonised residents and angered conservationists who fear the loss of 50 acres of open space. A pressure group, No Business on the Moor, will be launched formally at a public meeting tonight.

This week, in the face of a threat by Sir John to move out of the city to a site across the Tyne in Gateshead, the city council's controlling Labour group voted to overturn its own development plan and support a stadium on the historic Moor.

Some 34 Labour councillors backed a proposal to invite the club — whose nickname, the Magpies, reflects its black and white strip — to submit a planning application for its new ground. 18 opposed the idea and four abstained.

The decision is said to have delighted Sir John but campaigners against the development say that councillors have been stampeded into the decision.

Fossil finds open new window on evolution

THE fossilised remains of a previously unknown type of ancient shrimp and a bristled worm have been discovered in rocks that are 400 million years old (Nick Nuttall writes).

Dr David Siveter of Leicester University, one of the scientists responsible for the finds, said yesterday: "These give us a window on evolution which we did not have before."

The Herefordshire finds, the first to emerge from the Silurian period of 400 million years ago, were made in potato-sized nodules of rock at a site that has been known to geologists for 150 years. During the Silurian period the land there was covered by sea.

The finds include two shrimp-like creatures measuring 3-4mm long with eyes on stalks and a worm covered in fine bristles which would have lived in the seabed mud. Dr Siveter, whose teams' findings are published in *Nature*, said yesterday that they had been fortunate.

Fossilised remains of soft-bodied animals such as insects, crabs and lobsters are notoriously rare and tend to be formed during freak events. Some flying insects have survived after being preserved in amber.

It seems that the ocean in which the Herefordshire animals were living was suddenly covered in volcanic ash. This changed the chemistry of the seawater into a mineral soup which fossilised the creatures within days.

The researchers, based at Leicester, Bristol University and the University Museum of Oxford, are reluctant to publicise the exact location of the discoveries in case the area is plundered by fossil hunters. But they hope to put the finds on display soon at the museum.

Exploding stars may cause global warming

By Nick Nuttall

DYING stars billions of miles away influence the climate on Earth, scientists said yesterday. Meteorologists in Denmark have matched high levels of cosmic ray bombardment, produced from the exploding stars, with rises in cloud cover across the globe.

The increase is as high as 3 per cent, with more clouds formed over the northern than the southern hemisphere. The Danish scientists believe that global warming, considered by most scientists to be caused by a rise in man-made pollution, might instead be caused by the cosmic rays.

The findings were announced at an international scientific meeting at Birmingham University. Professor Eigil Friis-Christensen of the Danish Meteorological Institute in Copenhagen said that high levels of cosmic rays ionised the atmosphere, increasing the formation of water droplets and condensation.

Satellite images showed a sharp rise in cloud cover between 1984 and 1987. A cosmic ray detector based in Colorado showed that this was a period of high bombardment. Cloud cover fell sharply between 1987 and 1992 during low ray bombardment before rising again. Other scientists linked the temporary halt in rising global temperatures with the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines.

The cosmic-ray theorists say cosmic rays are blocked periodically by solar winds — charged particles ejected by eruptions on the sun.

Professor Friis-Christensen, head of Solar Terrestrial Physics at the Institute, said the findings delivered to the Committee on Space Research needed to be built-in to super computer models which are trying to predict the consequences of rising pollution.

Isle of Wight poll tests the water on seeking devolution

By Ian Murray, Community Correspondent

THE Isle of Wight took a first step yesterday towards regaining part of the independence it lost more than 700 years ago by commissioning a poll to ask residents if they want devolution.

The island — which was sold for 6,000 marks to Edward I in 1293 by Isabella de Fortibus — is to pay MORI £12,000 to survey 800 residents. The idea has been championed by Morris Barton, the Liberal Democrat council leader whose family have lived on the island since the 14th century. He believes it would benefit from powers similar to those enjoyed by the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Mr Barton told the council policy committee yesterday that the island's economic problems had been ignored by Westminster for too long. "If the poll results are as interesting as I think they will be, then I will be pushing for a full-scale referendum," he said when the committee agreed by 17 votes to three to the poll.

"If the vote is in favour of devolution we will need an Act of Parliament. If the Government still refuses to budge we will take the issue to the European Court. We are not asking for outright independence. we will still honour the Crown and the Government. But we have had enough of being ignored," he said.

The island has the highest unemployment and the lowest average wages in southern England but Mr Barton said that the Government consistently failed to back its case for European funding. "We as an island community should be asking for devolved status similar to the Isle of Man, giving us the ability to handle more of our own affairs."

Mr Barton said that the council was forced by the Treasury this week to withdraw an ecu token it was selling, which could be exchanged for goods in local shops. Profits went towards helping unemployed youngsters on the island, but the Treasury ruled that the tokens contravened the 1971 Coinage Act.

"Every time the islanders seek to take worthwhile initiatives the dreaded hand of government descends on us," he said. "I have spent 27 years trying to convince the Government of our case but now believe we need a mass pressure group and devolution from England."

Barry Field, the Conservative MP for the island, said that the idea was farcical. He has asked the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence what the implications would be. "If this scheme gets the go-ahead we will be a banana republic with no bananas." He said that independent status would force up local taxes. "The island derives £160 million in benefits from Westminster and this amount could only be raised by charging the 50,000 taxpayers on the island far more than they pay now.

"Up until now it has been along the lines of Brian Rix, but if they press on with this idea I would be very concerned," he said.

The island has a small and politically insignificant independence movement. The Vectis Nationalist Party — Vectis is the island's Roman name — unsuccessfully put up candidates at local elections for many years and independence candidates fought general elections until 1987.

The Channel Islands, which belong to the Crown, have retained a level of independence, including the right to fix tax levels, while the Isle of Man is a self-governing Crown dependency with its own parliament and tax laws.

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CHRIS HARRIS

Professor Eric Lye showing his OBE insignia to his daughter Annie, 2, who yesterday became the youngest person to attend an investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace. She took her teddy bear and had to stand on one of the gold and salmon-pink chairs to see her father honoured by the Queen for his architectural work.

Palace receives youngest ceremonial visitor

Annie had flown from Hong Kong with her parents and half-brother Chris, 24. Her mother Joan said: "We wanted to bring her so all the family could be together and because we did not want to leave her with someone she does not know. When we asked the Palace they said, 'She's very young', but they said it would be all right. My husband wrote to make sure they understood and they wrote back saying they would give us a seat near the door. I don't know how much of today she will remember, but we will never forget it." The previous youngest person to attend is thought to have been Drew, the six-year-old son of Peter Beardsley, the Newcastle United footballer.

Annie occasionally let out a squeak of delight as a Guards band played during the ceremonial in the Palace ballroom, lit by crystal chandeliers. She was allowed to wander the east wing when she became bored and did not flinch as the Queen's Yeoman Guards started marching towards her. Mrs Ley pulled her clear after the officer in charge asked: "Clear the way, please."

Another of the distinguished military men in charge of the ceremony watched her feeding make-believe chocolates to her teddy and commented: "She is delightful." Annie also helped to pass the time by making faces at the floor-to-ceiling mirrors.

Divers believe hull is Roman wreck

By Richard Duce

THE diving team that discovered the remains of the *Mary Rose* believes it may have discovered the first Roman shipwreck to be found off the British coast.

Carbon-dating tests are to be carried out on timbers from the wreck of a 40 ft hull found on the seabed a mile off Hayling Island, Hampshire. Francis Grew, curator of the Roman collection at the Museum of London, said: "Any discovery of a Roman wreck would be incredibly important because so little archaeological evidence exists."

Evidence of the wreck was discovered by the *Mary Rose* diving team 30 feet below the surface in Hayling Bay during echo soundings of the area for Havant Borough Council. In 1991 they sent off a piece of timber to establish whether it could be dated by its rings. The results showed only that the wreck was more than 500 years old and made from a foreign wood.

The diving team plans to take another sample for carbon-dating after they have raised the £600 fee for the test.

Alexander McKee, the diver who found the *Mary Rose* 30 years ago, had long hoped to find a Roman wreck off Hampshire. He died in 1992.

The divers have discovered dressed stones in the waters off nearby Bracklesham Bay, lending support to Mr McKee's theory that a Roman road was once linked to a harbour.

Ceramic tiles bearing the stamp of the Roman British fleet, *Classis Britannica*, had been found throughout Sussex, showing widespread naval activity in the area.

Wrecks from the Roman occupation of Britain have long been thought to be scattered round the coast but none has been found.

Don Bullivant, of the eight-man diving team, said yesterday: "It was Mac's last project and it was his dream to find a Roman site in the Solent, and we are very close. One day I hope he will be recognised as one of the pioneers of underwater archaeology."

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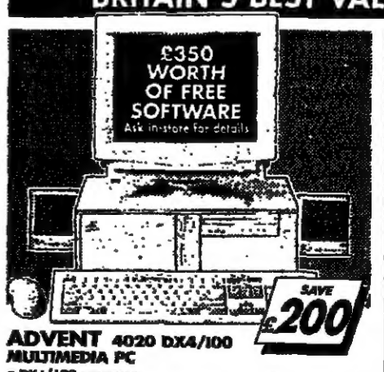

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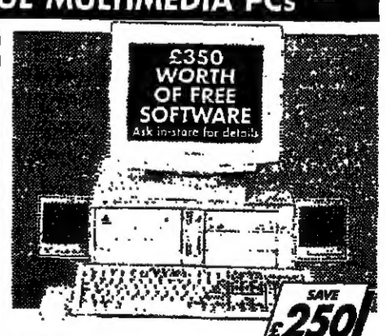

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Redwood praises Treasury's look into the future

By James Landale, Political Reporter

JOHN REDWOOD backed yesterday the Treasury officials whose radical proposals for cuts in the welfare state were leaked to *The Times*.

The former Welsh Secretary and leader of the Tory Right said that the "kids", as the Chancellor described them yesterday, should be congratulated for raising issues of importance. During a Commons debate on the economy, he also urged the Government to introduce a package of swingeing tax cuts as an election-winning strategy.

"Thank heavens for kids having fun in the Treasury," he told MPs. "They are raising issues that matter. We should debate future taxes and spending plans."

But he also said that he did not accept everything in the document, pointing out that the Treasury officials had laid a trap for Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, by outlining the consequences of some of Labour's plans.

He highlighted two proposals in the document: cutting state education funding for children over 16 and privatising roads. He said that Labour was considering cutting child benefit for the over-16s, harming their ability to stay in education, and already advocated forcing motorists pay more to use the roads. He asked the Government to confirm its support for free places for sixth-formers and its opposition to further road tolls.

"The Treasury officials have been reading too many opposition documents. They have been infected by the Opposition's hatred of the motorist."

Mr Redwood told the Government to show that it was the party of lower taxes. "We cannot go on borrowing at the current rate. We must lower taxes. More prosperity needs lower tax rates. Cutting taxes is a moral crusade."

He told Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that public spending had been rising too swiftly and urged him to revise his public spending plans by £7 billion. "It is possible to slow the rate of growth in public spending while protecting health, education, law and order and defence."

Opening the debate, Mr Clarke dismissed the Treasury document as "fatuous" and "worthless". He said: "It is not a policy document. It is not policy advice."

Mr Clarke said that Britain had enjoyed the strongest recovery since 1992 of any major European country, prompted by a growth in consumer spending. Families were £450 a year better off than last year, with real personal disposable income rising by 2.5 per cent this year, and about to rise by 3 per cent next year.

Unemployment was at its lowest since 1991 and Britain had had its longest sustained period of low inflation for 50 years. He emphasised the recent cuts in interest rates that low inflation had allowed and said he had no policy differences with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. "I think the inflation record I quoted — our best for 50 years — shows that the Ken and Eddie show is a pretty successful team performance."

Mr Clarke also said that public borrowing was coming down, but it had been a little higher than forecast because tax revenues had fallen unexpectedly. As tax revenues picked up, he now expected the PSBR to come down to £27 billion in 1996-97 and to £23 billion in 1997-98. "It is precisely because our tax revenues are rising and we are holding public spending so firm that public borrowing is falling."

Mr Clarke concluded: "I say — I think without fear of sensible contradiction — that the UK is facing the most promising prospects for a generation."

For Labour, Mr Brown accused the Government of relying on a consumer boom to advance the recovery. "It is neither investment-led nor industry-led, nor is it now export-led."

In a speech repeatedly interrupted by Tory backbenchers, he rejected Mr Clarke's optimistic economic outlook. He said that over 17 years Britain's record on economic and employment growth and on controlling inflation was poor compared with most of the other 23 countries in the OECD leagues.

He highlighted the prediction in the leaked document that Britain's economy will be relegated from the first division in the next century, falling below Thailand, Mexico and Brazil. "Therefore is it not surprising that, in contrast to the bluster from you — your smug and self-satisfied account of the economy today, we have to discover that the Treasury, in private, do not believe a word of it."

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Clarke's 'kids' were doing the right thing

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Labour may live to regret the outraged tone of its attack on the Treasury strategy paper disclosed in *The Times* yesterday. To claim that the document reveals the real Tory agenda for a fifth term is absurd. It does not even represent an options paper for ministers. Far from being some anglicised version of Newt Gingrich's *Contract with America*, the 123-page paper reads like the management review it is, prepared for Sir Terry Burns, the Treasury Permanent Secretary, about the likely pressures on the department and its resources in the 2000-2005 period. So it was also silly of Kenneth Clarke to rubbish the paper as having been prepared by "kids". As John Redwood argued, it is exactly the type of study which should be under way in Whitehall.

Civil servants should be thinking the unthinkable, or rather exploring options which politicians find too embarrassing to discuss in public. The real scandal would be if officials were not examining the implications for public spending either if there are no radical changes in the role of the State but improvements in its accountability and democratic control, or if a future government seeks a smaller State. The Treasury should be looking at the privatisation of roads and of the welfare state, even if no government regards them as politically feasible.

Such radical thinking was the hallmark of the old Central Policy Review Staff think-tank. But that often made its reports uncomfortable reading for ministers, always worried by the fear of leaks. For instance, earlier studies about the implications of long-term public spending trends by the CPRS and the Treasury in 1982 caused a big stir when some radical options, including switching to private health insurance, appeared in *The Economist*. The papers were quickly suppressed and the row contributed to the death of the CPRS a year later. But without such long-term thinking — and the current study is more modest in its remit — politicians will continue to fudge and postpone decisions.

There were many fascinating sections — for instance, the revelation of the cynicism of much of Whitehall towards open government. Or perhaps it is just realism that policy-makers will not write frankly if their advice is to become public. Similarly, the assessment of the probability of the single European currency going ahead, and of British participation, is level-headed. The report's view that "the chances might be be less than 50 per cent that the UK would join in 1999 even if there were a change of government" has been welcomed by the sceptics, though pro-Europeans should be pleased that the chances are even that high.

The greatest controversy is inevitably over public spending. Gordon Brown can fairly press Kenneth Clarke, as he did in the Commons, about how far the Chancellor endorses the options. Mr Brown has put forward ideas for developing the Treasury's role in promoting competitiveness and equality of opportunity. So he has a point that the Treasury paper reflects the shock to its self-confidence from Black Wednesday and is rather defensive. But he is wrong to criticise such a study of options however unpalatable they may be for Labour.

One of Labour's greatest faults now is its safety-first approach and aversion to thinking the unthinkable. For instance, when Mr Brown raised the possibility of reallocating money from child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds to provide more direct assistance for this age group, many of his colleagues recoiled in horror. Mr Brown maintains a robust line on overall spending and insists that extra expenditure must be found from savings, but that involves saying where. The Treasury paper underlines how the pressures for higher spending on health and education and to maintain a minimum income saftey net will require cutbacks in some programmes if taxes are not rise. In a year's time, Mr Brown may welcome such a candid and far-reaching study by officials.

Peter Riddell

Tory ideas on cutting welfare go back more than 30 years

By Philip Webster

LITTLE changes in politics. Tory ministers were calling for the dismantling of the welfare state more than 30 years ago, a Cabinet document revealed yesterday as the storm over the latest Treasury ideas raged at Westminster.

Martin Redmayne, the Tory Chief Whip, wrote to the Prime Minister, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, on June 19, 1964, saying that the party's MPs backed the idea of a new Beveridge-style inquiry. His letter, bemoaning that a similar call for an inquiry had been rejected two and a half years earlier, said: "The first essentials are to accept that the benefits of the welfare state should not be universally received." In words that would win approval on the Tory Right, he added: "I would like to see all above a certain level of income excluded from benefit."

The Cabinet minute, supplied to *The Times* by the former Labour minister Tony Benn, suggests that Sir Alec was less than convinced. He scribbled at the bottom: "Beveridge was very costly. Would another inquiry be as bad, or if we win, should we not impose our own scheme?"

Mr Benn said yesterday that the ideas in the Treasury document could be traced back 32 years. "In this sense the Tories in the early sixties were well ahead of Newt Gingrich, and all this is now coming out at a time when Gingrich himself is totally discredited, even in America."

The episode emphasised the need to maintain the principles of universal benefits, which were being challenged even within Labour in the name of modernisation.

Lib Dems want new central bank

By James Landale

THE Chancellor's power to set interest rates should be given to a new independent central bank, the Liberal Democrats said yesterday.

The replacement for the Bank of England would be able to reassure the financial markets that interest rates would be set without political interference. The party said that recent tensions between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, over interest rates had caused uncertainty in the markets and harmed attempts to keep inflation down.

Parliament would set inflation targets but the central bank would make operational decisions, such as on interest rates, in the short term. The Lib Dems believe that the bank would bring price stability and interest rates between half and one percentage point lower than present trends, saving £3 billion over five years from lower interest payments on the national debt.

Malcolm Bruce, the party's Treasury spokesman, said that it would offer the permanently low inflation and low interest rates that Germany had enjoyed for 40 years. "An independent bank is a necessity for the UK, and the sooner we get on with it the better."

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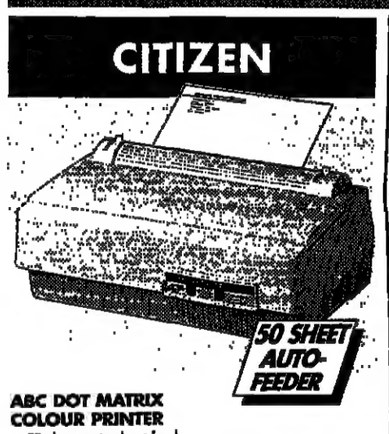

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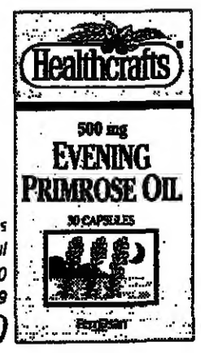

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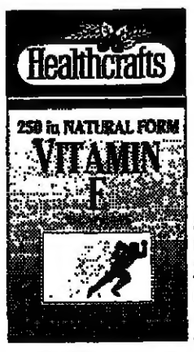

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Dole considers war veteran as running-mate for all-hero ticket

Ridge: decorated for service in Vietnam

By Tim Hames

WITH less than four weeks to the Republican convention, speculation has mounted on Robert Dole's choice for running-mate. With his nomination secure and the main possible policy dispute — abortion — coming under control, the No 2 slot on the Republican ticket is the remaining item of interest. The man most mentioned is Tom Ridge, the Governor of Pennsylvania.

The attraction of Mr Ridge to the Dole campaign is three-fold. The first is the contrast with the President. Mr Ridge was born 51 weeks before Mr Clinton and also in relative poverty; his was a working-class family of Slovakian and Irish immigrants.

After that their paths diverged. Whereas Mr Clinton spent time at Oxford University, thus avoiding the Vietnam War, Mr Ridge won a scholarship to Harvard and then served in the conflict as a decorated battlefield sergeant.

The prospect of an all-hero ticket excites Republicans. Mr Ridge has the added advantage that while as a Governor he is superficially a Washington outsider, he previously spent 12 years in the House of Representatives and is familiar with the capital's press corps, essential in a presidential contest. Finally, he is the classic ticket-balancer to Mr Dole: a youthful northern Catholic with a moderately pro-abortion rights record. Although that last part will worry some in the religious Right, his conservatism in other areas — tax, spending, crime and parental power in schools — will appeal to the free-market faction.

Mr Dole's first choice would have been General Colin Powell, who has persistently declined the post. He then contemplated a woman to improve his standing among female voters. The obvious option — Christine Whitman, Governor of New Jersey — is so liberal, especially on abortion, that she would have split the Republican Party.

After that, interest turned to the governors of four Midwestern states — Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin — a region regarded as the critical battleground in November. While they remain possibilities, closer examination of this set suggests they would be less than inspirational on the campaign trail. None made himself available in South-East Asia during the 1960s.

Choosing a credible political figure with a military aura would suit Mr Dole's strategy of making the election a referendum on Mr Clinton's character. Given his present standing in the polls, however, Mr Dole may need more than a personable hero who might deliver his home state.

Republicans fear Congress loss as campaign drifts

From Ian Brodie in Washington

REPUBLICAN activists fear that Bob Dole's disorganised and gaffe-prone campaign for the White House will not only lead to a heavy defeat by President Clinton but also cost the party control of Congress.

It is just over a month since Mr Dole quit as majority leader in the Senate, and he has been adrift ever since. Mr Clinton is 20 percentage points ahead in the polls and the gap is widening.

Opinion surveys show that growing numbers of Republicans voters already think Mr Dole will lose in November. That means they are less likely to cast their ballots, inflicting damage on other Republican candidates who two years ago captured both the Senate and House of Representatives from the Democrats for the first time in 40 years.

The Washington buzzwords for the Dole campaign are "brain-dead". Advice and criticism came from many quarters yesterday. Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington, a conservative commentator who opposed Mr Dole's candidacy early on, said Republicans were increasingly asking how they could convince him to withdraw from the nomination for the sake of their majorities on Capitol Hill.

She would not go that far for now, she said, but would not rule out the possibility that Mr Dole should quit if he fails to make bold and dramatic changes to his campaign soon and explains why he wants to be President. Getting rid of him would be difficult — after a wobbly start, he won the primaries convincingly and there are no obvious substitutes.

Mr Dole caught his critics by surprise when he picked Susan Molinari, a moderate Republican congresswoman, to give the keynote speech at next month's Republican convention. By yesterday his choice had run into trouble with religious and social conservatives over her support for abortion rights. Ralph Reed, director of the Christian Coalition, said his 1.8 million members might stay at home on election day unless Mr Dole remained "sensitive and committed" to their needs. That was a thinly veiled warning that Mr Dole, who has flip-flopped over tolerance for abortion rights, must pick a pro-life candidate for the vice-presidency or else.

Frustration runs deep inside the Dole campaign where one aide said Mr Dole refuses to take advice from anyone other than his wife Elizabeth. Her political skills were conspicuous when the couple appeared together on CNN's *Larry King Live*. As Mr King pummelled Mr Dole for having no message, she sprang to his defence and said: "The message is very strong. It's more opportunities, smaller government, and stronger and safer families." Mr Dole has never put his case so succinctly.

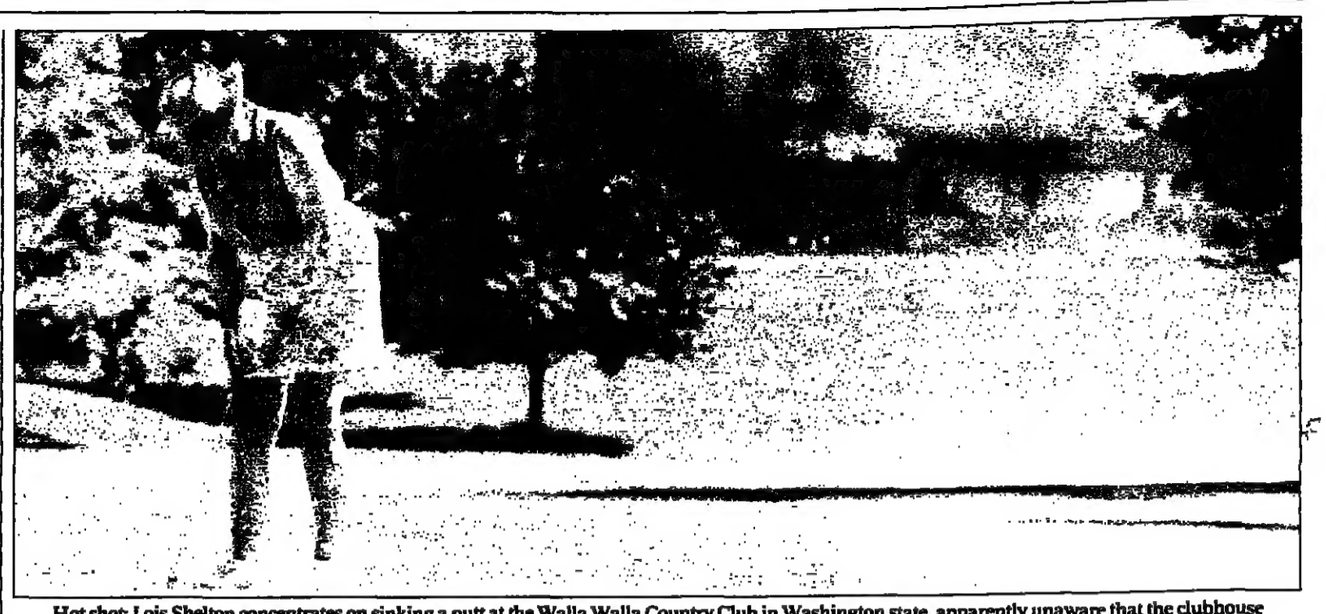
William Buckley, doyen of conservative pundits, put forward the provocative argument in his column that Mrs Dole, who has held two Cabinet posts, would make an excellent choice for the vice-presidency. He admitted, though, it would be a brazen act of nepotism. Mr Dole's aides have forbidden him from making ill-considered remarks of the kind that landed him in trouble over abortion, tobacco addiction and the ban on assault weapons. Instead, he must stay "on message". Senior Republicans are also demanding vision and an economic agenda.

US plan for Gulf security

Washington: The threat of more and far greater terrorist attacks in the Gulf has forced the Pentagon to draw up a comprehensive plan to protect American forces (Ian Brodie writes).

William Perry, the Defence Secretary, announced yesterday that the Americans will prepare for a "very intense threat" from terrorists "trying to drive us out of Saudi Arabia". The effort would be extensive and costly.

Mr Perry said the goal was to shift troops from urban areas to more secure and isolated sites. Consent to move up to 5,000 servicemen in Saudi Arabia was given by local authorities who had initially objected. The steps come after 19 Americans were killed by a bomb near Dhahran last month.



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Primary suspect is trapped by his own hand

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

THE anonymous author of *Primary Colors*, the effervescent satire of the 1992 Clinton campaign and enduring publishing sensation in the United States, was identified almost beyond doubt yesterday as Joe Klein, a leading commentator on political America.

Mr Klein, who has consistently denied scripting the book — estimated to have made at least $6 million (£3.8 million) for its author — appeared to have been trapped by his own hand after an eminent graphologist named him.

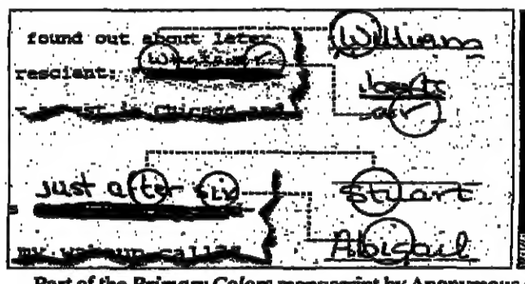
Since the January publication of *Primary Colors*, the author has been known simply as Anonymous. After months of investigation, however, *The Washington Post* tracked down samples of handwritten changes to the original manuscript and examples of Mr Klein's handwriting. These have been analysed by Maureen Casey Owens, a top document examiner and past president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. She concluded yesterday that "the two samples of handwriting are absolutely consistent throughout".

Confronted on holiday, Mr Klein at first asked for five minutes to think about the allegation and then telephoned the newspaper to say: "I have no comment. I've said everything I have to say." In February, Mr Klein said he would stake his credibility as a journalist on the fact that he had no part in writing the successful satire. "For God's sake, definitely, I didn't write it," he declared then.

Other figures, ranging from Mandy Grunwald, the campaign consultant, to George Stephanopoulos, the senior White House political aide, have since been targets of an inquisitive Washington press which had seemingly disregarded Mr Klein, a *Newsweek* columnist and CBS television commentator, as a candidate.

The Washington Post had been offered the manuscript by a secondhand bookseller. Marked with the words "Confidential. For your eyes only! Do not distribute to booksellers!", the script was compared with Mr Klein's writing.

In the meantime, Anonymous has become a candidate for the Pulitzer Prize, a submission which required a letter attesting that its author was an American citizen. Mr Klein, who had been placed at 50-1 in the betting stakes, yesterday dropped to odds-on favourite.



Part of the *Primary Colors* manuscript by Anonymous compared with a sample of handwriting by Joe Klein, the television commentator and columnist

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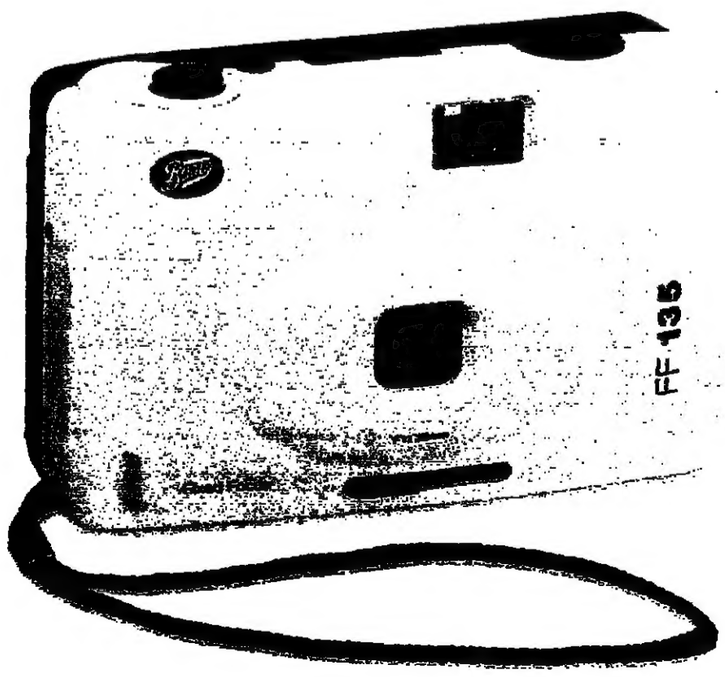

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EU considers visa curb on Americans over Cuba policy

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN STRASBOURG AND TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE European Union yesterday told Washington it was not satisfied with President Clinton's compromise on its new Cuban trade law and said it would continue to prepare retaliatory action against American business interests.

Britain said the EU could still impose sanctions against the United States, even though Washington has delayed for six months anti-Cuban measures which could damage European firms. Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, told BBC radio: "That's quite possible. We're looking at various options."

Mr Lang said Britain and other EU members could impose visa restrictions on US citizens and take other measures against American firms operating in Europe. "It's not the kind of range of activities one seeks to get involved in but we cannot leave our own interests unprotected and we must bring home to the Americans the unacceptable nature of what they have been doing."

Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, welcomed Mr Clinton's decision to step back from the brink and call a six-month suspension on action against foreign companies. "We have seen a turning point in EU-US relations in the last 24 hours," he said.

Mr Spring, who was in the European Parliament as the current president of EU foreign ministers, noted that the Title III of the Helms-Burton Act had still come into force. This allows Americans to sue foreign companies which benefit from Cuban assets expropriated by President Castro's Government. "It does not remove the extra-territorial effect of the legislation, nor does it remove the restrictions which have been applied to European businessmen," Mr Spring said.

The Commission, which acts for the 15 member states in foreign trade, said the Act remained a "sword of Damocles" over European businessmen. It was damaging for confidence that liability would accumulate under the Helms-Burton measure even though legal action was frozen, it said. The EU was proceeding on a course of counter-measures, a spokesman for Sir Leon Brittan, the Trade Commissioner, said.

The Clinton Administration reacted with some disappointment last night to British and European intentions to maintain a retaliatory position. "This is an unfortunate reaction from the Europeans," said a senior official in the National Security Council. "The point of this decision was to work with and not against the allies and the President made a very tough political decision. In view of the election, he could have just gone ahead with Title III."

The White House believes the Helms-Burton Act has born significant fruit. Several companies have indicated their intentions to pull out of Cuba. Others are contemplating the future.

Over the next few months, before the February 1 deadline when the issue will be revisited, the Administration will organise a diplomatic initiative in Europe to discuss alternative means of isolating Dr Castro. It was not certain last night whether this would take the form of a mini-summit on Cuba or the appointment by Mr Clinton of a special envoy to the European Union.

The Italian Foreign Ministry is negotiating with Cuban authorities for President Castro, above, to make an official visit to Rome in November, diplomatic sources said yesterday (John Phillips writes). Lamberto Dini, the Foreign Minister, hopes the Cuban leader will come to the World Food Summit organised by the United Nations in November.

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US put on alert for 'cyber attack'

BY TOM RHODES

THE Clinton Administration is launching a joint public and private effort to thwart the potentially catastrophic threat of a "cyber attack" which could leave America's national security and other computer networks paralysed before the end of the century.

President Clinton has ordered an independent commission to investigate all aspects of security in the national information infrastructure and to ensure counter-measures against terrorist or foreign attacks within a year.

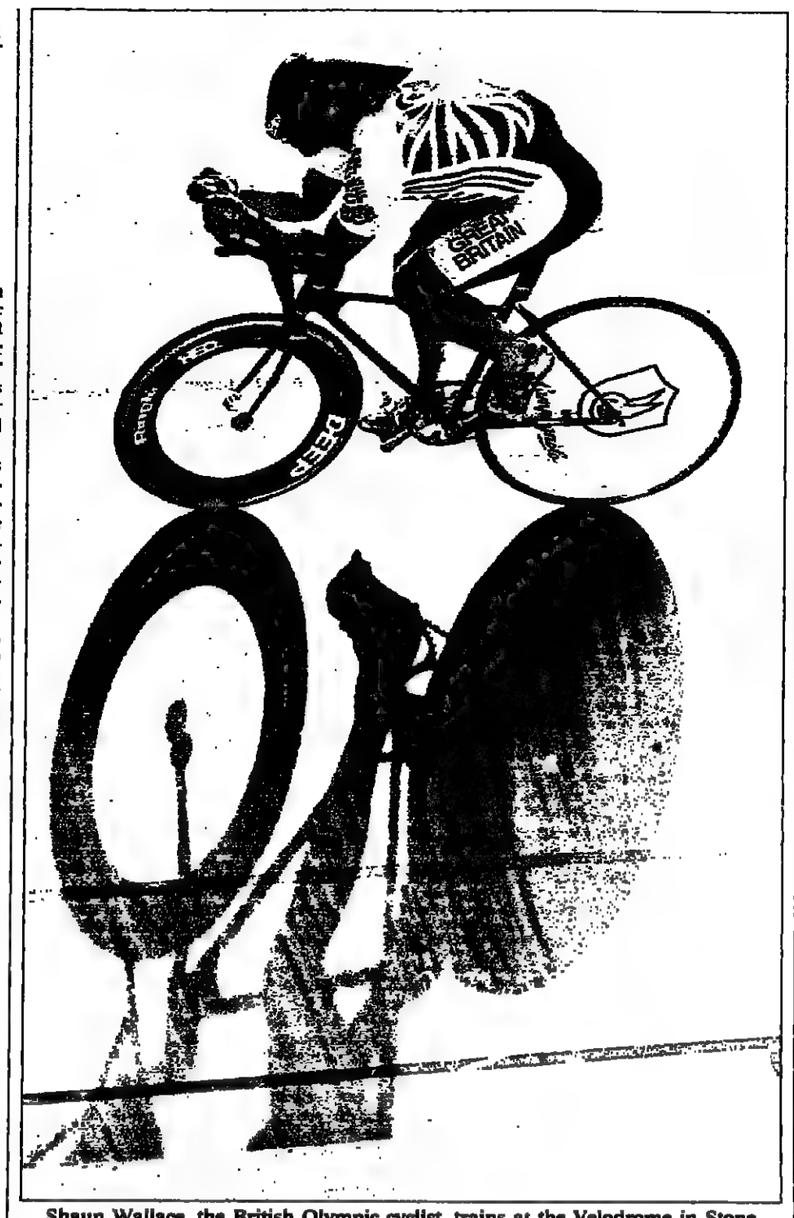
His close security aides also believe more must be done to protect areas ranging from telephone systems and power grids to financial services, medical records, gas and oil pipelines and water supplies.

"What we need is the equivalent of the Manhattan Project," said Jamie Gorelick, the Deputy Attorney-General, referring to the Second World War atomic bomb programme. "It is that level of urgency. It is our clear view that a cyber threat can disrupt the provision of services, can disrupt our society, disable our society, even more so than can a well-placed bomb."

In testimony before the Senate, Ms Gorelick predicted that an electronic attack could come within two years, and not the next decade as previously suggested. "We will have a cyberspace equivalent of Pearl Harbor at some point," she said. "We want to have structures in place, laws in place and relationships with the private sector in place."

The private sector, responsible for building much of the information technology, is deemed critical if the US Government is to have any hope of success. The commission must also resolve turf disputes over cyberspace.

John Deutch, the CIA director, has described a cyber attack as the second biggest security threat facing the United States but his department apparently is still uncertain of counter-measures. "We're really redefining the nature of threats to our national security," Ms Gorelick said. "Those definitely are changing very, very rapidly."



Shaun Wallace, the British Olympic cyclist, trains at the Velodrome in Stone Mountain, Georgia yesterday. The cycling competition begins on Wednesday

Britain calls for action on climate

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

MAJOR industrialised countries, including America and Britain, yesterday backed calls for stronger measures to combat global warming which are likely to restrict the use of coal and oil.

The move set them on a collision course with several oil and coal producing countries, which signalled that they would block further action at the United Nations Conference on the Climate Change Convention, which ends here tomorrow. China, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and nine other oil producers have announced that they do not accept the conclusions of an international panel of more than 2,000 scientists and experts. Russia and Japan are also understood to be uneasy with its findings.

The report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, an official advisory body to the conference, says that human activity will warm the Earth's atmosphere by up to 3C (5.4F) over the next century. Even small, but consistent rises in average temperatures worldwide would increase drought, storms, and flooding, it said. Low-lying tropical islands and coastal zones would be submerged as sea levels rose.

European Union countries joined the American call, but were unable to overcome French reluctance to agree on a formal target. Britain, Germany and Switzerland are the only countries likely to be able to meet the current UN target in four years' time.

John Gummer, Britain's Environment Secretary, told the conference yesterday that the credibility of world governments was on the line unless they joined Britain in trying to cut greenhouse gases.

Directing his criticisms at Australia, Canada and China in particular, Mr Gummer said it was not acceptable for countries to fail to live up to the commitments they had made with the current convention. "No developed country can properly avoid action, and action now. The time for looking is past," Mr Gummer said. "The alarm bells ought to be ringing in every capital throughout the world."

Clinton targets Little Havanas

BY TOM RHODES

THE Cuban-American vote is traditionally Republican, relatively small but highly influential in two key states — Florida and New Jersey — that could swing the balance for President Clinton in November.

The White House decision to allow Americans to sue foreign companies trading from former assets confiscated by Fidel Castro's regime — albeit not for at least six months — was a neat display of political footwork by Mr Clinton to target the stalwart Cuban communities in the two states.

It requires only a brief visits to Little Havana in Miami or Union City, New Jersey, to recognise the intensity of sentiment among these tightly knit Cuban enclaves where victims of the 1959 Revolution plot the downfall of Dr Castro and his Communist regime over black beans, rice and beer.

Although universal criticism for the Clinton ruling came from Republicans yesterday, there was muted praise among national Cuban groups in Miami. However, Robert Torricelli, the Democratic New Jersey congressman who supports Cuban-Americans, said: "They are very disappointed. The Castro government is weaker than it is perceived, and this was a chance to bring an end to that Government."

Iranian woman for Olympics

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

AN Iranian woman will compete in the Olympic Games, which open tomorrow, for the first time since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Marksswoman Lida Fariman has even been given the honour of carrying the country's flag at the opening ceremony in Atlanta.

Ms Fariman is the only woman in Iran's 18-strong Olympic squad, but her inclusion marks a significant victory for Iranian moderates led by President Rafsanjani over hardline religious conservatives. By allowing a woman to compete in Atlanta, Iran also hoped to prove to its Western critics that it is more progressive than some American-backed Gulf Arab states where women and sport do not mix.

"We have to show the foreign media that Muslim women can participate in many areas of sporting activities, provided we abide by Islamic rules which means we have to be covered," said Ms Fariman, whose sport is deemed fit because shooting is regarded as the modern equivalent of archery, praised in the Koran as a desirable pastime.

But Iranian television will almost certainly censor all coverage from Atlanta of women's events where athletes are likely to flaunt skimpy sporting attire.

WORLD SUMMARY

Victim is to sue over violent film

New York: Patsy Byers, from Louisiana, who was shot and paralysed by a robber, hopes to sue the makers of the Hollywood film *Natural Born Killers* (writes Quentin Letts).

She is the latest in a growing list of victims who believe the Oliver Stone film has inspired acts of wanton violence by impressionable young Americans. She was working in a shop last year when Sarah Edmondson, a young drug addict who later told police she had seen the film several times, walked in, shot her, and robbed the till.

Barred delegate protests to China

Hong Kong: One of Hong Kong's most respected public figures, banned from an academic conference in China because of her political views, presented an official complaint to Peking's highest official here (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

Elizabeth Wong, a civil servant for 25 years and a Legislative Council member, handed in her petition for Zhou Nan, the New China News Agency's director.

Fifth beach blast in Spain

Málaga: A small bomb exploded on a beach in this southern Spanish city, but there were no injuries. Police evacuated the beachfront area, which was teeming with late-night revellers after a warning. It was the fifth such device to explode in Málaga since Saturday. The Basque separatist ETA group claimed responsibility. *(Reuter)*

Brass banned

Oslo: A Norwegian military band soldier who protested at China's human rights policy by refusing to play his tuba for President Jiang Zemin during a visit here has been sentenced to 18 days' detention. *(AP)*

Civil war taboo grips Spain's historians

The Spanish Civil War started 60 years ago. Up to now, British historians have chronicled the conflict better, writes **Tunku Varadarajan**

THE Spanish Civil War began 60 years ago today when General Francisco Franco Bahamonde, ordering his troops to rise against the Republic, began his crusade against "anarchy, communism and godlessness".

As a result of the conflict, Spain turned from being a place where, to use the words of Raymond Carr, the historian, tourists could "inspect at a modest price the customs of a provincial society", to being a country "of absorbing political interest", whose passions and bloodshed foreshadowed the war which was soon to tear Europe apart.

Yet six decades on, prime credit for transforming that shocked attention into accurate and readable history must go to a distinguished tribe of British historians and Hispanists. It is a bitter truth in Spain, but Spanish historians have failed to write their own modern history as well as those produced in "perfidious Albion".

Professor Carr, whose lucid scholarship on the causes and course of the war has nourished generations of historians, as much in Spain as in the English-speaking world, is but one of many.

The best single account of the war is still the monumental tome by Hugh Thomas, published in 1961, and more than a thousand pages long. Gerald Brenan's *The Spanish Labyrinth* is unsurpassed in its treatment of the social and political background of the Civil War.

Add to that the study of Franco by Brian Crozier, and the recent, controversial, biography of the *Caudillo* by Paul Preston, Professor of International History at the London School of Economics, and it seems clear that British historians appear to have swept the "Franco stakes".

But why have Spanish historians, at least until recently, failed so strikingly and why have British historians so dominated the study of modern Spanish history? One obvious answer is that British universities have an older and more polished tradition of studying other peoples than institutions elsewhere.

The study of British history in British universities is not accorded the same pre-eminence as is Spanish history in Spain's more inward-looking institutions. Compared with the many British historians who have distinguished themselves in the study of Spain, there is not a single Spaniard of comparable stature in the field of British history.

Yet, in spite of their traditional preoccupation with the study of their own history, Spanish scholars have consistently struggled with the Civil War.

The reasons for this reticence during the Franco years were straightforward — the country's economy may have flourished under the old dictator, but intellectual inquiry certainly did not.

It was hardly surprising, at a time when universities faced political pressure and "one side of Spain" was in power, that the most objective accounts of the Civil War were written by foreigners.

Since the death of Franco, Spain has been transformed into a democracy, and has become a far less polarised society. Spanish historiography, as a result, is now coming to terms with the events of the 1930s. But there is still, it seems, a residual unwillingness to address the recent past.

As Professor Preston writes in the Civil War supplement in today's *ABC*, put together by Charles Powell, an expert in Spanish history at St Antony's College, Oxford, Spain's historians still display a "clear reluctance to publish works that could in some way reopen old wounds".

Spanish historians, however, are growing in stature, and the present crop looks set to emerge from the shadow of British historiography. Dr Powell says: "The history of Spain which will be read in the future is finally being written by a new generation of Spaniards."

Perhaps by the 100th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, Spaniards will read about their own history in their own books.

Franco: his regime stifled academic works on the modern history of Spain, including the Civil War

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Yeltsin picks massacre commander as Minister of Defence

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

IGOR RODIONOV, the general believed to have been responsible for the 1989 massacre of demonstrators in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, was appointed Russian Defence Minister yesterday.

The move will be received with anger in the southern former Soviet republic, with which Russia has close military ties, but was welcomed by an unusually wide range of Russian politicians, including the Communist opposition.

The first man to congratulate General Rodionov was General Aleksandr Lebed, the Secretary of the Kremlin Security Council, who served with him in Georgia and has actively backed his candidacy.

So vehemently did General Lebed speak out in support of his former patron that the issue of whether he would be appointed had become a test of President Yeltsin's commitment to his security chief. Mr Yeltsin clearly decided that it was time to make a concession to General Lebed, who had lost influence in recent days to Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister. General Rodionov, 59, has a reputation as an intelligent and honest military man. He can be expected to set about the first assignment General Lebed gives him enthusiastically: to investigate allegations of corruption levelled against his predecessor, General Pavel Grachev. But General Rodionov's nationalist views are much more controversial.

He was a signatory to the letter, *A Word to the People*, published in *Sovetskaya Rossiya* in July 1991, subsequently interpreted as a manifesto for the attempted putsch a month later. Although General Rodionov did not take part in the abortive coup, he was closely associated with many who did.

The main task of the new minister will be to carry out the presidential decree signed in May which envisages a transition to a fully professional army by 2000. Military reform, a concept much talked about five years ago, has barely begun. Almost all branches of the armed forces are underfunded, morale is extremely low and conscription rates in some cities are as low as 20 per cent.

Colonel Vladimir Lopatin, a leading proponent of military reform in the Russian parliament, said yesterday that General Rodionov was not an ideal choice but had the advantage of being acceptable to many interest groups, and could put a stop to the ceaseless intriguing in the Defence Ministry.

"It's impossible to find a completely clean person in current circumstances," Colonel Lopatin said. "But the first two attributes demanded here are professionalism and honesty. At least there will be a move now from a fight over the post of minister to a beginning of real reform."

However, in the minds of Russian liberals and Georgians General Rodionov's name will forever be associated with the bloody events of April 9, 1989, when 20 unarmed demonstrators, mostly women, were killed in Tbilisi by Soviet troops under his command. The deaths aroused a wave of protest and General Rodionov was moved from commanding Soviet forces in the Caucasus to become head of the Academy of the General Staff.

In his memoirs, General Lebed says the responsibility for the Tbilisi killings lay with Dzhumber Patiashvili, the local Communist Party chief. "General Rodionov is one of the most intelligent and best educated generals in the Soviet, and now the Russian, army," he wrote. "He is an intellectual and a man of honour. His authority and the respect for him were enormous, but ... with the system at that period ... he had no chance to prevail over the First Secretary of the Communist Party of Georgia."

General Igor Rodionov: his Cabinet role was backed by General Aleksandr Lebed, the Kremlin security chief

New rand crisis takes gloss off Mandela return

FROM R. W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT MANDELA arrived back home yesterday to a sharp dose of reality in the shape of a new currency crisis and the second biggest one-day fall that the Johannesburg Stock Exchange has seen.

Before Mr Mandela's visit to London, the rand stood at R6.70 to the pound, having dropped 17 per cent on a trade-weighted basis since February. Unnerved by the fall, the Government has since issued an economic plan in which it announced its determination to defend the rand. However, while Mr Mandela was appealing in London and Paris for more investment in South Africa, the rate fell to R6.86. Yesterday it reached R6.90 before recovering to R6.77 thanks to Reserve Bank intervention. This prompted talks between Chris Stals, the bank's Governor, and Trevor Manuel, the Finance Minister, who said he saw no reason for the further fall.

The Johannesburg financial community is watching warily to see what the practical results of Mr Mandela's trip will be. The President was particularly warm about the promises made to him in Paris, declaring that his visit had been "successful beyond our wildest dreams". He had also, he said, won President Chirac's support for the writing-off of all Africa's debts — which were caused, he said, "by the imperial powers".

There is some scepticism as to whether this really represents French views, although South Africa's situation would be wonderfully improved by a write-off of its large debts. But there is no doubting French determination to move into the South African market. In just three years, French investment has doubled.

The larger problem thrown up by the rand's fall is that South Africa is far too dependent on hot money attracted by its 15 per cent real interest rate, which is simultaneously throttling economic activity. Yet to drop the rate would not only cause a large capital outflow but would probably cause the rand to fall further.

Most analysts believe the Government will need to abolish exchange control before it can attract large-scale investment, but with the country's foreign reserves all but gone it is difficult to see how such an operation could be managed without International Monetary Fund support. However, an IMF deal would be deeply unpopular with the African National Congress.

Business circles are watching Mr Mandela like a hawk, aware that he often returns from his overseas trips impressed by what foreign businessmen have told him and with a fresh impetus towards more liberal economic policies. The President's already sky-high popularity has been increased still further by his triumphal tour. Few doubt that he returns with the moral authority to force through exchange control abolition, privatisation, or even a deal with the IMF, if that is what he decides upon.

Israel at a halt as public-service strikers challenge budget cuts

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL virtually ground to a halt yesterday as 400,000 public-service workers staged a ten-hour general strike against the right-wing Government's proposed budget cuts.

Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister, said the strike would do "irreparable damage" to national security. Right-wingers said it was politically motivated since the giant Histadrut trade union federation is controlled by the Labour Party, was one of the biggest seen in years.

The Cabinet of Binyamin Netanyahu, committed to a sweeping privatisation programme, finds itself in a economic crisis, compounded by a huge 15 per cent fall on the Tel Aviv Stock Market.

The stock exchange was one of many organisations forced to close. The strike affected hospitals, postal services, banks, broadcast services, ports and airports. Museums and day-care centres had to shut.

Thousands of members of Histadrut converged on the Knesset, where they chanted chanted slogans abusing Mr Netanyahu from behind a wall of security men. Referring to the Prime Minister's widely-criticised decision to take his two children in a specially fitted air force plane on his recent trip to Washington, Ilana Cohen, leader of Israel's main nursing union, said the angry crowd should tell Mr Netanyahu "that our children too want to fly, to go to museums and go to the theatre".

A sea of banners accused the Government of hitting the low-paid with its programme of cuts which will put up bus fares and medical costs and slash child-care allowances. Ms Cohen said: "It is about time the Government realises we are not the country's piggy bank. Every time their coffers are low, they come to the workers and take money."

The right-wing *Jerusalem Post* said the strike would only inconvenience the weak and the elderly.

The Government is also planning to scale down pension plans for civil servants, reduce certain payments to career military officers and reduce spending in the public sector.

Harare recalls diplomat

FROM MICHAEL HARTNACK IN HARARE

A ZIMBABWEAN diplomat who twice claimed diplomatic immunity after driving under the influence of alcohol in London has been recalled.

The Zimbabwe Foreign Affairs Ministry summoned back Charles Mayengehama, 33, the First Secretary at its High Commission in the Strand, after two brushes with police for drink-driving and not having valid insurance.

"As he walked out of the police station a second time he passed someone else who was pulled in for drinking and driving and he laughed. We were furious but our hands were tied," a police source was reported to have said. Mr Mayengehama has been given new duties in Harare.

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Chirac's army cuts branded worse than Waterloo

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

A QUARTER of regiments are to be disbanded as French defence forces undergo sweeping changes that will lead to a British-style professional army, the Government announced yesterday.

The news provoked dismay in provincial towns which stand to lose military bases, concern across the political spectrum, and anger in Germany, where 11 French regiments are to be wound up.

Jacques Baumel, a Gaullist deputy, said Charles Millon, the Defence Minister, was "going further than Monsieur Wellington, who cost us 32 regiments at Waterloo".

The Defence Ministry said the reforms were the first step towards the abolition of military service and the creation of a smaller and more efficient army. President Chirac said in February that he wanted to end conscription by 2002, reducing the number of servicemen and women from 500,000 to 350,000 over the same period. The British defence forces would serve as a model, he said.

With the French Army bearing the brunt of cuts, the death of long-standing and cherished units was inevitable, according to government sources. M Millon told the National Assembly that 38 regiments would be disbanded before the end of the century. Three air force bases would be closed and 13 naval vessels, including the aircraft carrier *Clemenceau*, would be laid up. The Government hopes the cuts will save up to Fr20 billion (£2.5 billion) a year at a time when France is trying to reduce its budgetary deficits to meet the Maastricht criteria to join the European single currency.

M Millon said: "It is clear that all these reforms will be accompanied by measures to reorganise the army, financially or socially. There will be compensation everywhere." More than Fr2 billion will be set aside to help towns that lose regiments. M Chirac promises that the Government will create new jobs and activities there.

Last night there was widespread concern over the effects of the shake-up. In Normandy, for instance, André Rufenacht, president of the regional council and a member of M Chirac's Gaullist movement, demanded additional funds to help overcome the loss of two regiments comprising 2,100 conscripts. His call was taken up by mayors and council leaders across the country.

The worry extended to political and military circles. General Marcel Bigeard, a Vietnam War hero and possibly the country's most popular soldier, said he was "sick at heart" to learn that the 6th Parachute Regiment in which he served would be disbanded. "This regiment paid dearly in Indochina and suffered a lot in Algeria," he said.

M Baumel, an expert on defence matters, said: "It is an audacious gamble to think that France will be able to get by with 136,000 professional soldiers, arms that have been limited and savings of Fr20 billion when he [Chirac] does not know what state the world will be in in ten or 15 years time.

"The French Army will be much smaller than the German Army. In five or six years, we will have 400 tanks and the Germans will have 3,000," he added.

The controversy has also spread across the Rhine, where the German press is claiming that Bonn was not consulted before the cuts were announced. Paris presented Germany with a *fait accompli*, German newspapers quoted officials as saying. With up to 11 of the 16 French regiments stationed in Germany set to be disbanded, many of France's 18,000 soldiers and 14,000 civilian staff are likely to be sent home.

Under the shake-up, the ten-month conscription served by all Frenchmen will be replaced by "citizen encounters", with 18-year-olds of both sexes spending a week learning a yet-to-be-specified agenda designed to make them better members of the community, M Chirac has said.

Fading glory: the seafront at Cannes, before ugly development and high prices drove the French crowds away

French abandon the costly Côte d'Azur

BY ADAM SAGE

HIGH prices, crowded beaches, ugly concrete buildings and a reputation for discourtesy have driven the French away from the once-fashionable Côte d'Azur, according to new statistics.

The beaches that gave the world topless bathing are less popular with Gallic holidaymakers than such frumpy regions as Britanny and the Atlantic coast.

The National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies reported that fewer than 10 per cent of French tourists visited the Côte d'Azur last year, compared with 13 per cent a decade ago, when it was the still the most popular destination.

André Rauch, professor of history at Strasbourg University, said yesterday the cost of holidaying on the Riviera lay behind its decline. "Everything changed with the recession. The Côte d'Azur is expensive and people want cheaper regions."

He was referring to prices of £2 for a cup of coffee, up to £4 for a soft drink and at least £10 for a day on one of the private beaches. The stars may still flock south, but few ordinary people want to pay £400 for a week in a small self-catering flat in Nice.

Nor is money the only factor. Traffic jams, noise and a remorselessly urban landscape are other reasons for avoiding the Riviera, according to tourist board officials. Holidaymakers also complain that the côte's restaurants and hotels are among the rudest in France, and that its drivers are among the most aggressive. The main beneficiary of the Riviera's decline is Britanny. With just one in five Gallic families heading abroad for their holidays, France's Celtic peninsula is flourishing, attracting 16 per cent of the country's tourists.

All, however, is not lost for the Côte d'Azur. The French may snub it but wealthy foreigners are still attracted by the snob value. It has become popular, for instance, among the Russian bourgeoisie: this year 30,000 Russians are expected to visit the town that boasts a Boulevard Tzaréwitch.

Mafia raid uncovers anti-tank rockets

BY FRANCESCO BONGARRÀ

ITALIAN police yesterday uncovered a huge Mafia arms cache in Sicily. The hoard, in an underground bunker in a field owned by a Palermo hospital, included three anti-tank missiles, eight automatic rifles and explosives.

Police said they were tipped off about the arms by an unnamed Mafia informer, who is on on trial for alleged involvement in the murder of Giovanni Falcone, the anti-Mafia judge killed with four other people in a motorway bombing in the summer of 1992.

Investigators believe that the arms were stored by the Madonia family, one of the dominant Mafia clans in the Palermo area.

The hoard also included three anti-tank rockets, handguns and about 30lb of Semtex. The same type of explosive was used by the Mafia in the killings of Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, another judge who was assassinated the same year, and the bombings at the Uffizi Gallery in Florence and the Church of San Giorgio al Velabro in Rome three years ago. All the guns were stored in plastic containers.

"We found enough guns and explosives in the bunker to shoot down a helicopter or to destroy a group of bullet-proof cars like those which are used to protect judges from Mafia road attacks," Pippo Micallizio, the deputy head of the anti-Mafia special squad, said.

Euro MPs agree to declare all pay and gifts

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN STRASBOURG

AFTER six years of arguing, the European Parliament yesterday laid down rules to force MEPs to declare the gifts and other income they receive.

The great majority of the 626 members approved two plans to clean up their finances, an exercise deemed urgent in light of the public image of the Parliament as a "gravy train" and the tougher approach to sleaze in European Union states. The new rules require MEPs to make a public annual declaration of all their paid activities. They must also declare any gifts in cash or kind and promise not to accept any that they do not declare. Regulations which take effect in the autumn will also force lobbyists to register their activities.

The new requirement for a register of lobbyists was drafted by Glyn Ford, a British Labour MEP. Some 10,000 lobbyists operate in Brussels and Strasbourg, working to influence the Commission and Parliament. A number of MEPs, soon to be publicly identified, benefit from the services of staff fully paid by private interests, enabling them to save on the already generous allowances provided.

Under the new regulations, a committee will decide what gifts are acceptable. MEPs were generally pleased they now had some rules. "This text is better than the vacuum we have now," said Elisabeth Guigou, the French Socialist.

Vichy man dies in jail

Paris: Paul Touvier, 81, the only Frenchman convicted of crimes against humanity for his role in the massacre of Jews during the Second World War, has died in prison (Adam Sage writes).

The former Vichy militiaman, who had cancer, was jailed for life in 1994.

Grave yields 100 Muslim victims

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN CERSKA

WAR crimes investigators exhuming a mass grave site at Cerska, eastern Bosnia, have found almost double the number of bodies they had anticipated when they started work last week.

By yesterday, the Physicians for Human Rights team had removed more than 100 bodies. Up to 30 more are believed to be still buried here.

"These are defenceless victims, killed and disposed of, buried and left, but not forgotten," said William Haglund, the American doctor leading the dig. Pointing to a small ledge of compacted bodies inside the grave, he said: "That's just where a bundle of them fell on top of one another . . . there could be another 15 to 20 there alone." The 15 experts expect to finish work at Cerska today.

All the dead were Muslims, captured and killed by Bosnian Serbs when they fled Srebrenica a year ago. Hired Serb labourers have failed to turn up for work after digging for just two days last week.

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'He threw terrible tantrums, lost the capacity for speech and didn't respond to his name'

When Oliver's autism was diagnosed, his parents sought a controversial cure. Liz van den Nieuwenhof reports

For the first two years of his life Oliver Taylor was a normal healthy child. His father David recorded his progress — his first steps, his early attempts at speech — on a camcorder. But now those videos only remind him of what has been lost: a few days before his second birthday, Oliver was diagnosed as autistic.

"Before his illness Oliver was wonderfully alert and able to put lots of words together," says David. "We were so proud of him and he seemed brighter than most other children of his age." Before Oliver's condition was diagnosed, David and his wife Andriene, both 46, had only a vague idea what autism was. "Since then, as part of our quest to help our son to recover, we've set out to discover all that there is to know about autism," says David. The quest has involved moments of anger and immense frustration. Even now, three years after the first diagnosis, David still struggles to articulate how he feels about his son.

"It is very difficult to convey the complete devastation you feel. It's like a bereavement. First you have a normal and happy child, then something inexplicable happens and you lose that child."

They first sensed something was wrong when Oliver was recovering from chickenpox. "We noticed something wasn't quite right. He used to love going out to play with his friends. But suddenly he started refusing to get out of the car. He threw terrible tantrums: screaming, kicking and rolling on the floor." At first, they thought he was simply having toddler tantrums. But then he lost his capacity for speech and failed to respond to his name. "Oliver regressed so rapidly that we thought something had happened to his hearing," Andriene says. They were completely unprepared for the paediatrician's verdict.

> 'Experts said it was too intensive for children'

"Initially, the paediatrician seemed reluctant to tell us what was wrong, even though he said Oliver's hearing was fine," David says. "We were terrified it was something life-threatening: Andriene kept thinking it was a brain tumour. He would only say that it was serious but not life-threatening. I'm sure he would have told us immediately if we'd asked him, but I suppose we just weren't ready to hear it. He wanted us to prepare ourselves. But the day after we saw him something kept niggling away at the back of my mind. It had to do with the way Oliver had developed this habit of lining up all his toys. It rang a bell."

David consulted the *Great Ormond Street Book of Babies and Childcare*, finding himself instinctively drawn to the section on autism. "It listed everything that I recognised from Oliver's behaviour — loss of speech, no eye contact, lining up toys and objects, inappropriate behaviour and the flapping of the hands." A phone call to the doctor confirmed what he already knew: he felt utterly desolated.

What the Taylors found most distressing was that they were not offered any hope for their son. Rather, they faced the prospect of him never being able to lead an independent life.

Then a friend discovered an article about a woman who had apparently helped her autistic daughter to make a full recovery by using the Lovaas method of healing. Named after Professor Ivaar Lovaas, who heads an autism clinic at the University of California at Los Angeles, it is not only one of the most intensive methods of treatment, but also one of the most controversial. Yet, to the Taylors, it represented their only hope of bringing their son back from the mysterious world into which he had retreated. The problem, however, was that they were unable to find any practitioners of the Lovaas method in this country: most experts were intensely hostile to it.

"It was deemed too intensive a form of therapy for children and the experts claimed that reports of its success had been vastly exaggerated. Yet what we had heard and read seemed so promising that we felt we owed it to Oliver to try absolutely anything that offered him a chance of recovery."

> 'Unless he can fend for himself he will end up in an institution'

A business trip to the US enabled David to arrange a meeting with Professor Lovaas in Los Angeles. He came away impressed — and buoyed up with hope. "The only drawback was that it was very expensive. Fortunately he put us in touch with some people in Norway who had set up a programme devoted to his methods."

A few months after their meeting with Lovaas, the Taylors flew to Oslo, where they were taught the basics of his method. This involves subjecting an autistic child to almost 40 hours a week of intensive therapy, laboriously teaching him how to respond to the most basic of commands.

Oliver is now set daily tasks to help him to improve his communication skills. The idea is constantly to reward autistic children so that they are able to modify their behaviour in response to certain commands. "It may sound simple, but it's repetitive and very intense for both parent and child," David says.

The Taylors are helped by several professional therapists, and although after two years Oliver has not recovered, he has, they say, made great progress. "His IQ is now quite close to the normal range, and there's been a distinct improvement in his social and language skills," says David.

The Taylors' relentless pursuit of a cure has been at considerable personal cost. They are preparing to sell their house to help to pay for their son's therapy. A beautifully restored period cottage on the fringes of Moreton Morrell in Warwickshire, it is valued at £250,000. They have devoted years turning it into their dream home, but money is short. So far they have spent more than £60,000 on Oliver's treatment: next month Andriene will spend six months in Oslo helping with the next stage.

David is determined to keep on fighting. "When Oliver was diagnosed as autistic, Andriene and I made a pact that we would make him our priority — that we would make the sacrifices required of us. Our long-term goal is for Oliver to be able to lead an independent life. Unless he reaches a stage where he can fend for himself, he will end up in an institution, because we are all he has."

That remains David's greatest fear. "The day the diagnosis was made I instantly projected forward 30 years, and asked myself, what will life be like for our son when we are no longer there for him? That is the thought that sustains us."

Dr Stuttaford is on holiday

PETER NICHOLLS

After two years of therapy, Oliver's parents say his IQ is close to normal, and his social and language skills have improved

The Taylor family: a pact to make sacrifices

■ THE Lovaas method is regarded with deep suspicion in Britain. Mark Bebbington of the National Autistic Society says: "It involves withholding enjoyable activities from autistic children as a form of reinforcement. This makes people uncomfortable." However, psychologist Morten Klevstrand from the Oslo programme claims six out of 30 children made remarkable recoveries — " and two have finished their first year in mainstream schools".

How Diana fell victim to patron fatigue

What lies behind the Princess's drastic actions, asks Anjana Ahuja

THE message was stark: "As I seek to reorganise my life, it will not be possible for me to provide the level of commitment that I believe you deserve." That was how the Princess of Wales broke the news to 93 charities that she would no longer be their patron.

To throw yourself into the problems of others is sometimes easier than dealing with your own, as Diana discovered when she entered the charity world. As her royal marriage grew more turbulent, it seemed as if the number of charity engagements she attended grew in response.

Now she has chosen to remain patron of just six charities, including the National Aids Trust and the Leprosy Mission. Diana has hinted that the loss of the HRH title prompted the upset, and the timing of her announcement supports her case. The resignation letter is dated July 15. That was the day the details of her divorce, including the loss of her title, were made public.

Diana could simply be suffering "patron fatigue", says Dr Patrick McGhee, head of psychology at the University of Derby. "In one way, her action is to be commended because being patron of more than 100 charities must have been very exhausting."

The timing is also important, he suggests. "Many people bear a heavy workload because of inertia, and it takes an experience, such as divorce, to get them to rethink what they want to do."

It is also natural that someone who has undergone a traumatic experience has turned to people who have been sympathetic in the past, Dr McGhee says. "This is understandable for someone who perhaps feels abandoned, bruised or misunderstood." Indeed, many of the dropped charities have already made public their sympathy for the princess.

Her decision could be a classic case of displacement activity, according to Dr Raj Persaud, a consultant psychiatrist at the Maudsley Hospital, London. Just as we might take out our frustration with a colleague by going ten rounds with a punchbag, he suggests that the real target of Diana's bombshell might be the Royal Family.

He says: "The Royal Family is very associated with charity work, and someone who comes into the family is expected to shoulder that even if they are unprepared." Eventually, Dr Persaud says, the person may feel that those commitments are too burdensome.

Diana's readiness to continue with Centrepoint, the homeless charity, and the National Aids Trust may display a desire to be allied with "younger" charities. This could be interpreted as a snub to more traditional organisations such as the British Red Cross, which has long enjoyed strong ties with the Palace.

Diana at a cancer hospital

Dr Dennis Friedman, a London psychiatrist and author of *Inheritance: A Psychological History of the Royal Family*, also views her severance with charity work as the shedding of a burden.

"Under the surface, she may feel that it's time for charity to begin at home, and that she's the one who needs a bit of sympathy and understanding," he says. Dr Friedman also notes that Diana has retained her connection with organisations such as the Leprosy Mission.

He says: "These charities are all about outcasts, aren't they? Diana may well feel like a social outcast, so she can tune into that. She can understand them because she too is a victim.

"She has been thrown some money and told to go away. The loss of her title is also very sad, because to some people status is a substitute for love."

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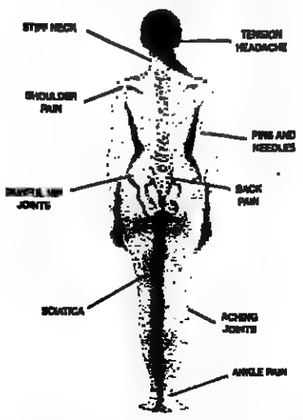

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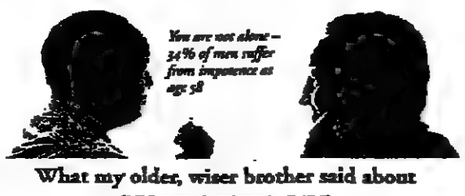

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I'm revolted by lager louts

The creator of *Men Behaving Badly* tells Jason Cowley that the award-winning show does not reflect his own feelings

You arrive at Simon Nye's West End flat on an airless summer afternoon and are offered not lager, as you hoped and expected, but a cup of tea. The flat is similarly conventional: spare and tidy, rather than awash with empty cans and discarded take-away cartons. It is where he comes to escape the "noisy loveliness" of his baby daughter, Katya, of whom he speaks with a kind of rapture. It is also where he writes *Men Behaving Badly*, the show that has done so much to inspire a new generation of lager louts and which this week was denounced by a senior Conservative MP as an insult to the nation.

Nye lives in a large five-bedroom house on the fringes of Hampstead Heath with his partner of four years, Claudia. She is about to give birth to their second child, and he is fretting. That they are unmarried is the "only unconventional thing" in his life, he says. "I'm not opposed to the idea of marriage. In fact, I think it's a very good idea, especially if you are bringing up children. It's just that I'm mild Church of England and Claudia is an atheist, and we are happy with the way things are. My own upbringing in Sussex was secure and comfortably middle class (he went to grammar school and studied French and German at London University) but Claudia's parents separated when she was young and that affected her."

Nye is small and neat. There are pockets of tiredness under each eye, and his receding hair is tuftily unkempt. But this has more to do with anxiety over Claudia's pregnancy — and that their house is undergoing extensive redecoration — than with any late-night debauchery.

"I'm afraid I lead a disarmingly quiet life," he says, with an air of resigned apology. He did once return home drunk after an evening out with the actor and star of *Men Behaving Badly*, Martin Clunes, only to discover that Claudia had gone into labour. "But that episode was so rare as to be almost laughable." And he still had time to get her safely to hospital.

Unlike his deluded, blundering characters, Gary and Tony, deriving a vicarious pleasure from crude self-conscious confessions of male embarrassment, Nye has never shared a flat with another single man; for many years he shared a large house in Camden Town with five women. This experience, as much as anything else, is the inspiration for *Men Behaving Badly*.

Tony and Gary have made it hip to be young and vulgar

"I don't think the show is as much about men as people imagine; it's more about two people of the same sex sharing a flat. It's fun writing about the differences between the sexes, but it could just as easily have been women pointing out the differences. The lifestyles of single-sex couples are pretty similar."

Men Behaving Badly is the most popular light-entertainment programme on television, with weekly viewing figures approaching 12 million. Not since *The Good Life* in the 1970s, with its Cold War and ecological anxieties, or *The Young Ones*, with its mould-breaking celebration of libertarianism at the high point of Thatcherism, has a situation comedy so completely tapped into the mood of the country. The title, with its fashionable fondness for the present participle, has been borrowed and adapted by countless headline-writers. An entire culture of boozy, blokeish celebration, from the lads' magazine *Loaded* to the BBC's *Fantasy Football League*, has sprung up around the show. Suddenly it is hip to be young, male and vulgar.

Although delighted with his success, Nye is eager to dissociate himself from the worst excesses of his characters — perhaps too anxious. "I'm worried that people think I've started some kind of movement because if I'd known that I was writing a show that was to define the spirit of the age, I would have written a different kind of show, or at least I would have thought more about what I was doing. I've no wish to see the streets full of lager louts. The thought revolts me."

Hostility to the show is growing. "I hate *Men Behaving Badly* because it is sexist ... and reminds some men of their happiest times, the times when they were without women," wrote the critic Stuart Jefferies in *The Guardian*. Conservative MP Sir Patrick Cormack, campaigning for a reduction in violence and unsocial behaviour on television, describes it as loutish and unedifying. "It portrays people almost as heroes who are the very opposite of that. The characters are conducting their lives in a way that no child should admire."

More damaging, perhaps, are the views of Elaine Showalter, Professor of Literature at Princeton University and television critic of the mass-circulation *People* magazine. She is astonished that the format of the show has been sold to American television.

While Nye is excited at how easily his scripts and ideas have been adapted for an American audience, Professor Showalter is convinced that it will fail. "I don't think Nye's writing is fresh or sharp enough. The characters are stereotypes, the jokes predictable. The format of the show also seems tired. There have been a lot of shows along similiar lines in the States.

"The best and most successful American sitcoms like *Friends* and *Seinfeld* are superbly written: each episode usually has three plot-lines that are brought together in the most ingenious way. But such subtlety is beyond Nye."

Nye is perplexed rather than unsettled by such remarks. "I feel I've had a lot of undeserved flak thrown at me by people who assume that the show is sexist, or that I want to encourage lager drinking on a mass scale. It isn't and I don't. The whole point of the title is that it is ironic. The male characters are obviously pathetic.

"From a technical point of view, I thought it would be amusing to have characters, whether they were men or women, who said what they wanted without caring if it was nonsense."

Men Behaving Badly began as a "rather dark and bleak" novel. Nye, now 37, wrote the book in his mid-twenties while working in theatre box-offices in London, "because dialogue between men is a separate languague and I thought I could capture it".

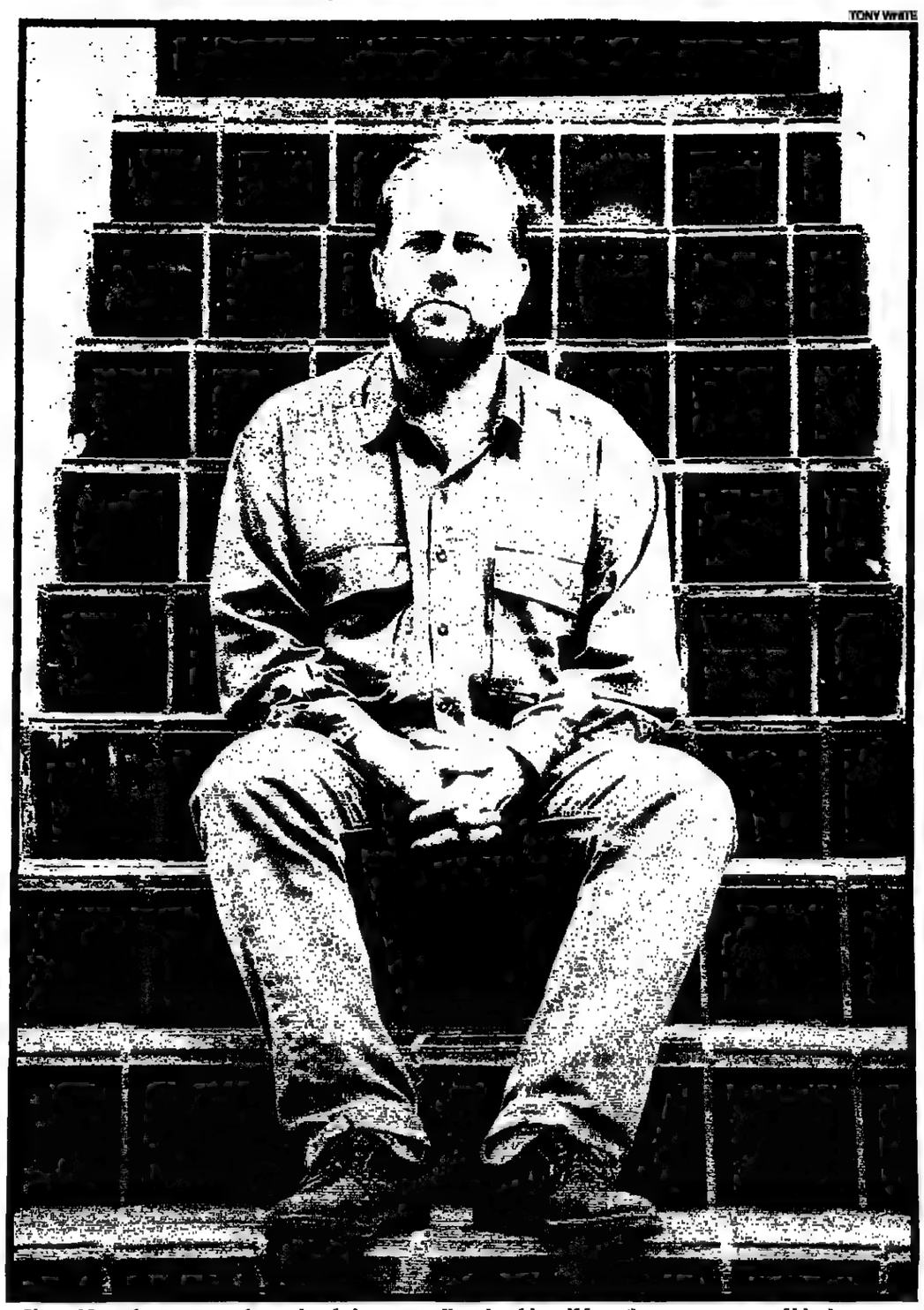
After the initial gurgle of interest, the novel slipped out of print. (Nye still hasn't earnt his modest £2,500 advance.) It owes its radiant afterlife to the veteran television producer Beryl Vertue, who read the book and asked Nye to develop it as a sitcom. At the time, he was working as a translator at Crédit Suisse, wrestling with language in the "same way I do now — only there were fewer gags in the bank's annual report". He never dreamt he could write for television: "I always thought that I would work in a long medium such as a novel."

For one whose scripts revolve around jokes about burping, masturbation, underwear and pornography, it comes as a surprise to hear Nye expressing concern at what he considers to be the celebration of the trivial.

"There's an awful fear of seriousness in this country. This grows out of a feeling that the serious people, namely the politicians, have let us down. But I suppose I can't really criticise them, since I contribute to this culture of frivolity."

After those early years of struggle and drift, he is enjoying his wealth. But money is not his exclusive motivation. "Once you have a certain amount of money you can't really need anymore, except, I suppose, to give it away. What I've learnt is to appreciate success without being smug about it. It's difficult enough to get a show on television, let alone sustain it during those early episodes, when people don't know what it's all about. So you might as well have a laugh and enjoy your fame while it lasts."

TONY WHITE



Simon Nye, who once came home drunk, is eager to dissociate himself from the worst excesses of his characters

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IT WAS to be the greatest day of Richard Heyman's life. He and his girlfriend Susie had finally decided to get married after almost seven years together. Their reception was to be held in City Hall, San Francisco; their honeymoon in the Napa Valley, the wine-rich region of California. Then he received an e-mail message from Susie and his world fragmented.

"She said she didn't have the courage to face me, that she didn't want to get married, and that she was going to spend the rest of her life in Belfast," he recalled. "I couldn't believe that after six-and-a-half years she ended our relationship by e-mail."

The critic Stuart Burrows was staying with Richard Heyman. "I've never seen a man so devastated," he says. "I think it was the nature of his rejection that hit hardest."

Mr Heyman and Susie met while they were students at the University of California at Los Angeles. They started living together within three months. After graduation they travelled and finally settled in Virginia. "While Susie studied for her masters at Virginia University, I waited on tables, trying to sort out my life," he said.

Mr Heyman returned to full-time education in Boston, Massachusetts, after Susie moved to Belfast to study Irish politics in the autumn of 1992. "My emotions were mixed when she moved to Ireland: I was delighted for her that she was going abroad but saddened that I would see less of her," he said.

It was during her second year in Belfast that he proposed. They had developed a strange electronic intimacy over the wire during the time they were apart: "It was like a ritual. I would walk to the university library every morning to see if she had sent me something."

Susie's e-mails were long, well-crafted and emotionally charged. "During her time in Belfast, we spoke most openly to each other via e-mail, even though we talked regularly on the phone. An e-mail feels more private than a phone call. Because it is written you can say things you would never say on the phone.

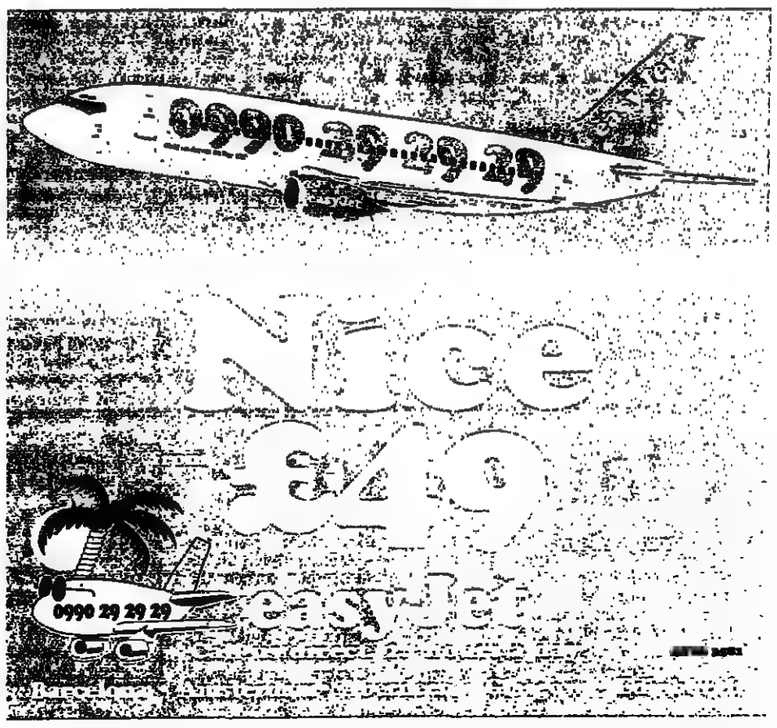
"Because electronic mail can be written and sent so quickly you don't always realise what you have done until it is too late."

The e-mail that ended the relationship ran to four pages. "It was intimate and emotional. I have often wondered if she would have sent it if she had written it as a letter.

"AFTER I received it I just lay around all day. Then I started doing things like crossing the road without looking. I didn't care what happened to me."

Electronic mail is already the most convenient communications tool available to anyone with a personal computer; in time, digital rejection will be as common as receiving a brush-off in the post. That is small consolation to Mr Heyman. But after two years of misery, he says he is rebuilding his life.

JASON COWLEY



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Clarke must live within our means

John Redwood says Britain cannot afford this Chancellor

Thank heavens for kids having fun at the Treasury. I do not agree with all their conclusions, but I do think we need to take action to curb the Government's appetite for our money. When the Cabinet meets today, it should revise the spending plans down for next year.

In 1964, total public spending was £10.9 billion. By 1979 it had reached £72 billion. Margaret Thatcher took public spending above the £100 billion level for the first time. John Major took it past £200 billion, and now it is above £300 billion. Every year we have heard of cuts. Every year spending has gone up. When it comes to public services, nobody can say the Conservatives have been shy with other people's money.

Two important changes in the 1980s checked the speed of the ascent. The first was privatisation. Some £65 billion has been brought in from selling assets. Huge nationalised industry losses have been transformed into profits and tax receipts for the Treasury. The second was pension reform. Pegging the standard retirement pension to prices rather than wages has now saved billions each year. Soon big savings will come from the changes made to the State Earnings Related Pension scheme, without which taxes would now be a lot higher.

Last week the Government put public spending up by £2,100 million — another penny on income tax. This was little noticed, and not debated in Cabinet. But there it is in the summer forecast: £400 million more on cyclical social security, at a time when unemployment is falling; £500 million less from sale of assets; £1,000 million more of debt interest and £200 million more of "accounting adjustments". I hear no cheers from the backbenches. This was just another of those unwanted tax increases that no one mentions and few can explain.

We now spend more on paying interest than we spend on defending the country. In the first five financial years of this decade, the nation borrowed more than £150 billion extra, an additional mortgage for every person in the country of almost £3,000. The country cannot afford the £13,500 million increase proposed for public spending next year.

The Chancellor's European policy and his tax policy are converging. We have been warned by the EU that we cannot afford any tax reductions because our borrowing is too high for entry into the single currency in 1998. The Chancellor has warned us not to expect tax cuts, and has arranged his figures for economic growth so that he just scrapes under the European borrowing wire next year. But can he achieve the fast growth he is promising for 1997-8 without tax cuts? Hasn't the EU yet noticed that its hair-shirt and high public spending policies are causing mass unemployment and slow growth on the Continent?

It is time to produce a programme of reductions in spending, some immediate, some medium and long-term. Immediate reductions are not as difficult as is imagined. Look at just one of the larger departments, the Department of the Environment. Does it really need 5,000 staff and a further 17,601 in sponsored bodies? Do we need to spend £277 million this year just running the department? A staff freeze and a reduction in office space would be a good start. Let's close the regional offices, with their 1,000 departmental staff, and save all their office accommodation. The Housing Corporation and Housing Associations receive more than £1,300 million a year in grant to help them to build new homes. Given that the taxpayer underwrites the rents paid to them, through housing benefit, it is difficult to see why they need a taxpayer grant at all. Certainly the grant rate could be halved, saving £500 million.

The department is still running businesses it need not run. Why, for example, does it run a map printing business and the canal system? British Waterways Board and Ordnance Survey should be privatised. This would save £55 million a year, even if they were simply given away. In practice they could be given away with some kind of profit share or success fee coming back to the Government. The £1,400 million "single regeneration" budget can also be reduced, with more reliance on private capital. The Urban Development Corporations are coming to the end of their lives. They do not need £200 million a year. £200 million could be saved in this overall area. That is £800 million of savings from just one department.

In the longer term we need to control the mighty costs of social security. We should learn from the success with pensions from the 1980s. It is wrong to take away people's entitlements when they need them or have contributed to them. It is easier to take away future entitlements, for which people have not paid or which might not be needed. We should concentrate on the area of means-tested benefits to the elderly. Too many people still retire without a decent second pension from their employer or savings. The Government should adjust the rules to ensure that many more elderly save for part of their working lives.

The Chancellor must tell the EU that trying to meet its targets when unemployment is as high as it is on the Continent is a thankless and impossible task. Unemployment can bankrupt a social security system if it is allowed to get out of control, as it has on the Continent. It did our system great damage when we were in the exchange-rate mechanism. We need European policies which put jobs first. Cutting deficits by cutting spending alone may put more strain on the unemployment figures. Cutting deficits by letting the economy grow faster and by cutting tax rates is a better recipe. There are sensible reductions to make in public spending so we can cut tax rates. Then the economy will grow faster, and the deficit will reduce more quickly. The British method can give you a virtuous circle. Maastricht has given Europe a vicious one.

ANTHONY UPTON

The eve of the Twelfth of July in Drumcree, Northern Ireland. Religious leaders should bring the people together where politician have failed

Reconcile or perish

Great religions all preach humility, but are the Irish people listening?

William Rees-Mogg

Last weekend I had hoped to attend a conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Moral Rearmament, at Caux in Switzerland. I have never belonged to that movement, but over the years I have come to respect its work for reconciliation and its hospitality to different faiths. Unfortunately I was not able to go — I was sitting at home successfully swallowing antibiotics against London's latest common infection. My two younger daughters went instead, and were able to listen to the Dalai Lama, to Cardinal Franz König, who is now 91 but still a great religious teacher, and to Rabbi Dr Marc Gopin, who is professor of religion and conflict resolution at George Mason University, Washington DC.

If only the Chinese could learn to love Tibetan Buddhism in the way the Dalai Lama loves the world, one of the most tragic of conflicts would be resolved. During his address, a characteristic moment in the Dalai Lama's teaching occurred. A little boy, perhaps two years old, got loose from his parents and climbed up to the table from which the Dalai Lama was speaking. The Dalai Lama bent down to talk to the child and offered him a glass of water; the infant responded by seizing hold of one of the Dalai Lama's sandals and chucking it into the audience. The Dalai Lama collapsed in one of his contagious fits of giggles. He is a Christ-like figure, not only in this comparison with Christ saying, "suffer little children to come unto me", or in his universal love for human kind — including the Chinese — but in the suffering he has experienced.

Meanwhile, I was at home, watching Nelson Mandela's visit and the dreadful unfolding of events in Northern Ireland. Some people rightly observed that what Northern Ireland needed was a Nelson Mandela, a great reconciler. The need for reconciliation was also the central message at Caux. The Dalai Lama said that "this century has been a century of war, of bloodshed. The next should be a century of dialogue . . . We have to treat the whole of humanity as one . . . Individual entities should be respected in all their variety, and the multiplicity of religions should be a source of enrichment — just as we enjoy variety in food dishes." Reconciliation does indeed require this liberal pluralism of approach.

He had four specific proposals for dialogue between faiths: to have exchanges between theologians of different traditions, to organise meetings between practising believers, to pray — or be silent — together in the holy places of the different traditions, and to bring together religious leaders, as the Pope has done at Assisi. Rabbi Gopin, whom my daughters found particularly impressive, took up this theme. He said that "the spiritual discovery" of people of other faiths is "the greatest challenge of the 21st century. Some will see this as a threat to identity, others will see this as a completion of identity — the discovery of lost cousins and their worlds. The essence is humility." He went on to quote a saying of Mahatma Gandhi: "The searcher after truth should be humbler than the dust. This is the key to the discovery of others, and to peacemaking."

A Buddhist, a Jew and a Hindu all advocate the doctrine of reconciliation through humility, which is plainly also the Christian response. As I listened last weekend to the voices discussing Northern Ireland, voices which were only too often angry, self-righteous, self-serving, I felt that this Christian response was largely missing. I would make an exception of the English voice. Whatever mistakes of policy may have been made, there did seem to be a genuine humility in the low-key sense of reason expressed by John Major and Michael Ancram. That certainly won my respect, but perhaps that is because I am English.

I am also a Roman Catholic. I do not think any Roman Catholic examining his conscience can feel that the Church has done enough to achieve reconciliation in Northern Ireland. Despite the Pope's visit, now a long time ago, there has been nothing like Pope John Paul II's great work for reconciliation in Eastern Europe. The Catholic Church in England has seemed to be split between a certain sense of its Englishness and a certain solidarity with Irish Catholics, though not at all with the terrorists. In Armagh, and only to a lesser extent in Rome, there has often seemed to be as great a commitment to the leadership of the Catholic tribe as to reconciliation.

In so far as any of the Catholic communities, including the Irish-American, has half-sympathised with extreme nationalism, and therefore condoned the methods of terrorism, that is a sin against justice and peace, against all the people of Northern Ireland, Catholic and Protestant. Although the Church has consistently preached against political murder, I do not think that the Catholic responsibility for reconciliation in Northern Ireland has been kept sufficiently in the forefront of our minds.

This came out very clearly in the aftermath of the Portadown march. I regard both John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, and Cardinal Cahal Daley as good men, as men of some real wisdom and humility. Yet both reacted with anger, as though the Orange march was an inexplicable provocation which the police could easily have controlled. Yet any impartial person could see that the ending of the IRA ceasefire had created a tension in the Protestant community which was bound to find some outlet. That needed to be understood. No Catholic can pretend that what the IRA does is not also his business. There is a straight line from the IRA to Sinn Fein, from Sinn Fein to the SDLP, from the SDLP to the Dublin Government, from the Dublin Government back to Armagh and on to Washington. There was a self-righteousness about last week's response by the Irish Prime Minister and the Cardinal which failed to take into account the implication of the ending of the IRA ceasefire.

It is not for me to express the opposite side of the religious case. I think that I would have the same concern about the injustices and violence done by the Protestant to the Catholic community if I were an Anglican or any other British Protestant. Certainly as an Englishman I can make no defence of our history in the government of Ireland. Many great nations, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Malaysia among them, have benefited greatly from the period of their history under British rule, but our record in Ireland is deplorable, from the expropriations, through the penal laws to the famine and the failure of the Home Rule proposals of the last century. It is a record of selfish misgovernment which has left a huge legacy of evil.

Nominally, at least, the division in Northern Ireland is a religious one, and there is much to be said for a religious approach now that the political one has led to a dead end. What both Irish communities need is nothing less than a change of spiritual consciousness; in place of the present hatred and fear, they need to show one another love and sympathy. Such a change of heart may be unlikely, but is less unlikely for religious than for political motives.

A new religious approach would need to be persistent and purposeful. Again and again groups of Irish people have sought reconciliation by praying together, but these efforts, though admirable, have failed to involve the whole of their communities. The best modern example of what can be achieved has been the relationship established in Liverpool between Archbishop Derek Warlock and Bishop David Shepherd. Perhaps all the churches could arrange a day of prayer for reconciliation and repentance for the offences against one another; this could be done throughout the British Isles, with the Queen and the President of Ireland giving a lead to their congregations.

From a Catholic point of view, it is St Patrick himself who should be made the patron saint of reconciliation, and St Patrick's Day should be a feast day of reconciliation as well as of Irish nationhood. His Ireland, even more than modern Ireland, was a cockpit of tribal warfare, yet he achieved the conversion of Ireland without the loss of a single martyr. He brought with him not only the Christian message, but also his invaluable family tradition of Roman administration. He was a Celt, but he was born on the west coast of Britain and his first experience of Ireland was as a captive and a slave. Only if we can find the spiritual humility to recognise the faults of our own communities and nations can the tribal hatreds of Northern Ireland be brought to an end. We need to discover our "lost cousins and their worlds".

Is Castro worth a trade war?

Mark Falcoff puts America's view of Cuba

Every small country goes to bed at night dreaming that it is big. For a Caribbean island best known for sugar, rum, beaches and the rumba, Cuba has done itself proud by provoking the most serious of recent contretemps between Europe and the United States. At issue is the Helms-Burton law, passed in March, which establishes sanctions for certain foreign businesses and their executives if they do business with the Castro regime.

President Clinton's decision this week to postpone for six months the full application of these provisions has brought a temporary respite in the nasty exchanges between Brussels, Washington and other European capitals, but yesterday the British Trade Secretary, Ian Lang, declared that a stay of execution is not adequate. Pending repeal of the law itself, he and his European colleagues will continue to study counter-measures against the United States.

Americans find this European hysteria hard to fathom. Contrary to what *The Times* declared in an editorial two days ago, the legislation would not "expose foreign countries to American sanctions for trading with Cuba". Quite the contrary: investors from Britain or elsewhere are perfectly free to do anything they want in Cuba, except traffic in stolen property. This is a well-established principle of international law, and no longer a controversial issue even in most developing countries, which have come to understand that respect for property rights helps them even more than foreign investors.

Nor, contrary to the impression widespread in Europe, is it true that the number of American properties affected is very large. At present there are just over 100 revolutionary claims in Cuba still outstanding; it just so happens that one of them, relating to Cuba's nickel deposits, has been acquired by Sherritt International, a Canadian firm with important British participation. Another is Cuba's state telephone system, which has excited the appetites of potential investors in both Mexico and Italy. The vast majority of new investments in Cuba, largely in the hotel and tourist industries, are unaffected.

So what is the fuss about? Explaining other countries' motives is always risky, but an American may perhaps be forgiven for thinking that a confrontation with the Helms-Burton law is an easy way of scoring some political and cultural points. Despite the elaborate bureaucracies in place in Brussels and Strasbourg and the fulsome rhetoric that goes with them, people in most European countries, in my observation at least, don't feel very "European" at all. A dust-up with America over trade might be just the way to solidify Europe's fragile sense of common identity.

Americans are already familiar with this sort of thing in the case of Canada, for which Cuba (of all places) has come to serve as a touchstone of national independence and unity — both commodities otherwise in short supply there. Americans have likewise learnt to endure the same from Mexico, where solidarity with Castro is the perpetual consolation prize for the increasing surrender of economic policy choices to the International Monetary Fund and the American Treasury. Let's not forget, either, that even Franco's Spain made a point of maintaining cordial relations with Castro: as the arch-anti-communist Caudillo himself used to chortle, it was a delicious revenge for Spain's defeat by the United States in 1898. No doubt these feelings are legitimate, but they are not likely to provoke a significant change in American law.

Cuba today is experiencing a deep economic and social crisis, due partly to the irrationalities of central planning, but even more to the end of Soviet subsidy. Castro's recent decision to sell off confiscated American assets should not be confused with a genuine recognition that his country requires thoroughgoing economic reform. Quite the contrary. The Cuban dictator is acting like the captain of a sinking ship who throws the wooden fittings of the ship into the boiler, hoping to reach the shore before the supply of fuel gives out. One bet, that the Communists would win the Russian elections, has been lost. Another hope, that European, Canadian and Mexican tourism could replace the annual $6 billion from Moscow, is not materialising. Even a major trade dispute between Europe and America is not likely to provide resources for Castro's political survival.

Far from forcing him to become more repressive, the American embargo has introduced new pressures for him to open up the benefits of the free market to Cubans — not just to a select group of Europeans and Canadians. Once Cubans are allowed to hire other Cubans (rather than to work for foreign companies, which have to pay their salaries to the Cuban state), the island will genuinely be starting to open up, politically and economically. That is what American policy is intended to promote. Europe ought to be supporting the policy, rather than picking a fight with the United States. In the long run it will be even better for business.

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Clair de lune

GLYNDEBOURNE'S picnickers witnessed quite a performance the other night during the long interval: the festival's first "moony", a man's bare bottom displayed in protest at the exclusive diners.

Opera-goers in bib and tucker were at their hampers after emerging from the first act of *Arabella*. Michael Howard and Michael Portillo were among tuxedos delving into ice-boxes as three farmworkers appeared in a field beyond the formal lawns where picnickers assemble.

The shepherds drove up in their open-topped farm truck to the ha-ha separating them from the opera-goers. After studying life on the other side, they turned the truck round so that their backs were facing the picnickers.

Then, before you could say *Lightning Waltz*, one of them dropped his trousers and flaunted his posteriors at the crowd. After a goodly while, he hoiked up his trews, shot the picnickers a defiant glance and the truck drove off.

"Appalling. My strawberry stuck in my gullet," gargled one old boy. "Nobody could believe it." Another complained that she was unable afterwards to look at her pork pies in the same light.

Veronica, dear, don't look

Really you?

THE DUCHESS of York was involved in a couple of farcical identity crises on her brief trip to New York this week. Although on a diet, she popped in to an ice cream parlour in Manhattan before heading for lunch at *The New York Post*. In the parlour a woman came up to her and said, NooYawkerish, "Say, lady, anyone ever tell you that you look like that Fergie?" The Duchess: "I AM Fergie." Old biddy: "Naaaaah!" Duchess: "But I AM." New Yorker, eyes raised heavenwards: "Yeah, right!"

Later, the Duchess went to a department store to do what shopping she thought her credit card could bear. At the counter were two assistants. One told the other: "It's Fergie!" Reply: "No it ain't." First assistant: "I swear, it is." It went on for some time, like a rally at Wimbledon. Finally the Duchess interrupted. "Yes, it IS me, the red head." Jaws dropped: "Er, so how can we help you, lady?"

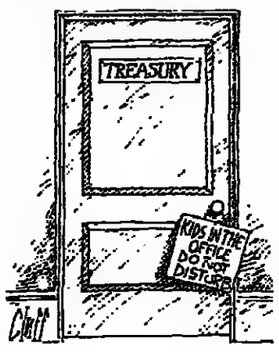
● *Ted Heath's emotions must have churned when the Martin Neary Singers stepped up to sing grace at his 80th birthday party at No 10 last night. The singers were Downing Street regulars in his day, and last night they added a frisson by crooning a special number written by Lord Armstrong, Ted's former private secretary, and set to music by Ted's musical mentor, the late Herbert Howells.*

Last Naught

JAMES NAUGHTIE is to become the unlikely hero of the flag-waving headbangers who are already queueing up to attend the Last Night of the Proms. The BBC interviewer has been appointed successor to Richard Baker, who retired last year after more than 30 years of presenting the patriotic extravaganza.

"I'm not surprised he got it," says Baker. "You just have to try to keep your head while all around are losing theirs."

● *At the end of a bruising day for the Royal Family on Monday, a conspiratorial dinner took place in the Garrick Club. All the former press secretaries to the Queen who are still alive gathered to shoot the breeze about royal affairs. Charles Anson, the present incumbent, was his usual discreet self. "An entirely social dinner — not a business occasion at all," he explained.*



Or bust

URGENT MEMO to prop departments: one naked statue of Apollo needed by Sunday. After searching everywhere for a figurine without a fig leaf for her TV film *Daphne & Apollo*, producer Helen de Winter has drawn a blank, and filming starts at the weekend.

"The script concerns a young girl and her obsession with a naked statue of Apollo," she explains. "We need to find this statue." But Victorian prudery put paid to almost every one; some exist in museums and private collections but are either too valuable or too heavy to be moved to the film set. "Someone out there must have one," pleads de Winter.

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Just the thing for the film: but where is he now?

CRANKS AND KIDS

Politicians should be politer to their servants

The Treasury document leaked to *The Times* yesterday has been both window and mirror. *Strategic Considerations for the Treasury 2000 to 2005* has not only provided a glimpse into the thinking of Whitehall's most influential department but also reflected the instinctive attitudes of the man who presides over it and his Labour opponent. Unfortunately, in their attitudes towards those areas of the papers where the unthinkable is thought the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, and his Shadow Gordon Brown display a shared depressing tendency to think the conventional.

The document is a dispassionate assessment of future trends and a thoughtful analysis of potential strategies. Mr Clarke may have dismissed its authors as "kids" but then John Maynard Keynes had finished *The Economic Consequences of the Peace* when 36. Adam Smith was a Professor at Glasgow University at 28 and Friedrich Hayek Director of the Austrian Institute for Economic Science at 25. Fresh thinking often comes best from young minds.

Unfortunately, Mr Clarke still shares the thinking current when his own mind was young — in the Seventies. Mr Clarke's reaction was conditioned by his hostility towards radical reform of welfare and significant reductions in public spending. Mr Clarke seems to regard the current high level of spending as Lord John Russell regarded the English constitution in the 1850s — an arrangement on which it would be almost impossible to improve. Mr Clarke has argued that cutting public spending to 40 per cent of national income was "the maximum that should be aimed at". Even the Prime Minister has dangled the hope that it might one day reach 35 per cent.

The Chancellor's dismissal of the proposals for a smaller state as "cranky" and his disobliging references to Newt Gingrich confirm his estrangement from the most exciting, and honest, strands in current Conservative thinking. The precise proposals canvassed in the document, not least privatising contributory benefits, may not all be appropriate for implementation at present but the goal of reducing public expenditure is both economically necessary and morally right. That insight has been articulated by men not even Mr Clarke could call "cranky", or "kids".

Economically, the capacity of this country to compete with the Pacific nations identified by the Treasury as the pace-setters of the next century is inhibited by the size of our state. Last October Chris Patten, schooled in reality after three years as Governor of Hong Kong, argued for a reduction in public spending to nearer Asian levels. Mr Clarke's former Chief Secretary, Michael Portillo, argued in January 1992 that an "ultra-low tax economy" and consequently a smaller state would be required if the UK were to maintain a competitive advantage.

Morally, an over-mighty state inhibits the operation of individual choice. The tendency of state welfare to inculcate habits of dependency and erode virtue has been identified by thinkers on the Right such as Charles Murray and Gertrude Himmelfarb. It has also influenced the ethical socialists, Norman Dennis and Frank Field.

Mr Clarke will tell the Cabinet today that he hopes to keep public spending below the agreed ceiling of £268 billion. But even if he succeeds, as he apparently hopes, in hitting a level as much as £5 billion lower, State spending will still be £18 billion more than it was four years ago. That is hardly progress towards the size of State that Chris Patten and others think will be necessary if Britain is to prosper.

Mr Clarke was disappointing in his reaction to his own officials' imagination yesterday. But his shadow did not inspire. It may be good campaigning politics for Mr Brown to tie Mr Clarke to radical proposals which the Chancellor is disinclined and ill-equipped to defend. It is also easy to paint the realistic acceptance of rapid growth in Asian economies as "defeatism". But, perhaps months away from office, Mr Brown should look beyond scoring points. The threat from the East will require him to entertain many of the thoughts he was so quick to dismiss today. Realities may yet compel politicians to look with a kinder eye on Treasury kids and their cranky admirers.

OUR SPANISH HISTORY

Great national events are often seen best by foreigners

In the words of Sir Michael Howard, an eminent exponent of the craft, history is what we write, read and think about the past. How matters are viewed often depends on the vantage point. Although it involves the accumulation and analysis of evidence in a manner at least as rigorous as the natural sciences, history is an art and as such lends itself to competing interpretations. Indeed this is the very joy of the discipline.

Anniversaries are often occasions for such reflection. Today is the sixtieth anniversary of the start of the Spanish Civil War. Although the scars on Spanish society have still not healed, this is a time to think again about the conflict described as the dress rehearsal for World War Two, remembered for the romance of the Republican cause and symbolised in Picasso's *Guernica*.

Barely 20 years have passed since the death of General Franco, a span too short to permit cool analysis among those who lived with the legacy of that war and the following dictatorship. As a result, what is read about this period in Spain is dominated by foreign figures, most of them British. While that in part reflects the fragile state of such studies in Spain, it also says much about the British interest, some might say justified guilt, in the origins of the Second World War, and at what point, if any, Hitler might have been halted before 1939.

Civil War studies also touch upon a wider topic. While there is much to be said for nationalist accounts of history — and we support those who would restore the British emphasis to our school curriculum — it is also the case that impressive accounts of a nation can be produced by those who are not its citizens. The status that Hugh Thomas and Raymond Carr hold in Spain has many parallels. Arguably the two best books ever written about the United States were penned in the 19th century by foreigners — Alexis de Tocqueville and James Bryce.

In Europe, too, the pattern can be seen. The work of William Shirer on the rise of Nazism in Germany and Denis Mack Smith's insights on Italy remain the masterful accounts. Robert Conquest's awesome output on the Soviet Union during the Stalin era was a much-needed antidote to some of the hagiography offered by Anglo-American apologists for the totalitarian tyrant. Modern Russia looks almost exclusively to those beyond its borders for rigorous analysis.

This country, too, has benefited from outside scrutiny. Élie Halévy's enormous volumes were not treated with much respect during his lifetime because as a Frenchman his interest was thought impish. He is now seen as offering the best detailed account of 19th-century British politics. Similarly, George Dangerfield's tome *The Strange Death of Liberal England*, written by an Englishman from the distant perspective of New York, is seen as a classic.

National history benefits from external scrutiny. Rare are those who can detach themselves from the passions that events, even of long ago, evoke. In all social studies the search for the Archimedean point is a testing one. Doubtless as the centenary of the Civil War approaches, a new generation of Spanish writers will beg to differ, perhaps sharply, from the accounts offered by Hugh Thomas and George Orwell. Revisionist views of Franco will be offered — perhaps focusing more on his contribution to defeating Hitler and asking whether he was the best of an extremely bad bunch. Thus does the wheel of understanding roll on.

SCEPTIC ISLE

A Midsummer Wight's Dream

Some may think that the devolution debate is just about a measure of self-government for Scotland and Wales. The Scots and Welsh are far behind the doughty separatists of the Isle of Wight. While Celtic devolutionists squabble over drawing-board blueprints and revenue-raising powers, the men and women guarding the white cliffs at the end of Southampton Water have been putting money where their mouths are.

The island's Liberal Democrat council recently issued an independent currency, an *écu* token which could be used in local shops. The Treasury, alas, did not see the humour of this monetary disunion and declared the scheme illegal. The councillors, surveying the struggle for self-determination across the globe, were not daunted: nudging the burghers of Ventnor out from under England's brutal yoke was always going to be slow and unrewarding work.

They are now organising the nearest thing to a referendum that does not require legislation in the House of Commons. An opinion poll is to be conducted. If the islanders are to take control of their destiny, it is only prudent that they be asked what kind of destiny they have in mind or, indeed, whether they dream of a solo destiny at all.

Destiny is of course different from distinctive character: the Isle has always stood apart. A 17th-century proverb held that it "hath no monks, lawyers or foxes". Queen Victoria and Prince Albert made it fashionable and Alfred Tennyson added tone: readers of *Tennyson's Gift*, the new novel by our distinguished television critic, Lynne Truss, will discover just how much tone.

Decorous separatism has, however, been fuelled by low living standards. The Isle of Wight has fewer top rate taxpayers than any other county and its gross domestic product lies at the foot of the table alongside South Glamorgan. The council has tried to opt for the surrogate parenthood of the EU: the Isle is twinned with three German counties; the council is opening an office in Strasbourg; garlic production has been bumped up to levels which allow exports to France.

The councillors are not dreaming of UDI but, more reasonably, of freeport tax status like the Channel Islands. They dream of high-spending honchos working in this Hong Kong-on-the-Solent taking over from the elderly, low-spending holidaymakers who buy nothing more expensive than ice cream. Holiday-makers beware: the Isle of Wight Liberation Front is there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Changes in World Service overdue

From Sir Charles Powell

Sir, The gathering of skirts and indignant harrumphing by the Establishment over the proposed changes to the BBC World Service (letters, July 17) might lead one to suppose that Mr John Birt is attacking the very foundations of our society rather than making modest management changes to a service long overdue for reform.

As a listener to the World Service on frequent travel abroad, I recognise its great merits and the respect in which it is widely held. But like every public service, it is capable of improvement. The proposed changes do not threaten its editorial independence.

For too long the World Service has been over-protected by a high-level and influential lobby who are unreasonably opposed to change of any sort. I believe that Mr Birt's reforms will in fact strengthen the World Service in the longer term.

Yours faithfully,
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Risks of ID cards

From Ms Liz Parratt

Sir, The Home Affairs Select Committee's recommendation to Michael Howard that a full discussion of the implications of a voluntary national identity card scheme for civil liberties must be carried out (report, July 10) should be welcomed by anyone who cares about individual privacy. So should the many safeguards which the committee recommends to accompany a voluntary scheme.

But any ID card scheme carries risks which are impossible to eliminate through legislation. The argument favoured by proponents of such a scheme is that those who have nothing to hide have nothing to fear. This all too easily becomes extended to imply that anyone *not* wishing to carry a card should be the target of suspicion.

In the longer term, the inconvenience arising from the lack of a card could be considerable, with every bureaucrat and busybody demanding production of an ID card as a matter of habit rather than necessity. It would be naive to assume that such a scheme would remain voluntary for ever.

Yours sincerely,
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South Africa's future

From Professor Emeritus Kenneth Kirkwood

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("St Nelson needs our cash", July 10) might have placed more emphasis on the long-lasting damage to South African society caused by apartheid's deliberate, often malicious infliction of separate and inferior education at all levels.

Oxford University and bodies such as the Africa Educational Trust have since the early 1950s given priority to damage limitation by means of scholarships to black South Africans and much has been achieved.

Nelson Mandela himself has repeatedly paid tribute to his own education provided by missionary societies in South Africa, and by the English-medium universities.

But it is now widely acknowledged that the principles and practices of liberal education must be restored and advanced in South Africa on a non-racial basis. Mutual trust and confidence and the sharing of values, technical and professional skills and knowledge, are integral components of education that take time to permeate society. All else is in jeopardy if investment in education is inadequate.

Yours truly,
KENNETH KIRKWOOD,
St Antony's College, Oxford.
July 11.

Royal Highnesses

From Miss Clare Falvey

Sir, Like William Rees-Mogg ("Diana may get her title back in the end", July 15) I am unable to trace Johnson's particular quotation of the earliest usage of the title "Your Royal Highness". However, my *Poetical Works of Dryden* (1853) includes heroic couplets "To Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York" written "On the Memorable Victory gained by the Duke over the Hollanders, June 3, 1665", thus applicable to James II's first wife Anne, and not to his daughters.

Yours faithfully,
CLARE FALVEY,
Flat E,
165 Holland Park Avenue, W11.
July 15.

Griddle riddle

From Mrs Shelagh Hargraves

Sir, As a child I was told by my great aunt — a lady with social aspirations — that scones (rhyming with dons) were eaten with margarine while scones (rhyming with bones) were buttered.

Yours truly,
S. HARGRAVES,
133 Colcot Road, Barry, Glamorgan.
July 15.

Path to Bench for women lawyers

From Mr Ronald Goldberg

Sir, Miss Josephine Hayes, Chairwoman of the Association of Women Barristers (letter, July 12), makes a plea for steps to be taken to make work practices at the Bar more flexible and compatible with home and family life, to enable more women barristers to rise to the seniority that would enable them to be appointed to the Bench.

This plea seems unlikely to have any effect. However, may I suggest an alternative course which would be more likely to be fruitful. There are a large number of women suitable or potentially suitable for appointment to the Bench among the solicitors' profession.

The situation could be improved further if your correspondent and others of like mind applied their advocacy towards promoting a greater degree of fusion of the legal professions, whereby all lawyers would have common training and initial experience, allowing those with a particular talent for forensic advocacy later to specialise in that field.

Yours faithfully,
R. GOLDBERG
Kidd Rapinet (solicitors),
14 & 15 Craven Street, WC2.
July 12.

From the Chairman of the General Council of the Bar

Sir, I am surprised by Miss Hayes's suggestion that women practising at the Bar and seeking appointment to the Bench or to silk look to the Bar for hope, but do not find it. On the contrary, much has been done and is being done urgently to improve the lot of women at the Bar.

An equality code, acknowledged as a trail-blazer and a leader in its field, was adopted by the Bar Council last year. It specifically recommends that clerks and heads of chambers should be flexible over working arrangements for women tenants during maternity leave and after return to work. It went out to all chambers early this year and we propose to monitor its effectiveness, not least through our two equal-opportunities officers who, as the Association of Women Barristers (AWB) is well aware, are keen to learn of instances that contravene the code.

There are to be discussions with the Institute of Barristers' Clerks about the difficulties that women encounter in balancing work with home and families. There have been open meetings in different parts of the country involving representatives from the Lord Chancellor's Department (LCD), the Bar Council, the AWB, the Law Society and the Association of Women Solicitors specifically designed to encourage women to apply for silk and judicial appointments.

To my knowledge the LCD has also taken considerable trouble to take on board many of the concerns expressed by the AWB on the process of appointment to silk and the Bench.

I do not suggest that the major problems identified by Miss Hayes do not exist. To suggest that little or nothing is being done about them is well wide of the mark.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PENRY-DAVEY,
Chairman,
The General Council of the Bar,
3 Bedford Row, WC1.
July 12.

From Miss Christina Gorna

Sir, The excellent letter from the new Chairwoman of the Association of Women Barristers omits to mention one cogent factor.

An age limit of 50 on appointments to silk or the Bench, as is the commonly observed convention, is surely in breach of the Lord Chancellor's stated opposition to discrimination against women. Fifty is an age at which many women are at last free of domestic commitments: those of them who have survived these commitments, together with overt male discrimination and returners' syndrome, are often far more suited to a successful career at the Bar or Bench than are their younger male counterparts.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINA GORNA
(Head of Chambers),
Castle Chambers,
3 Queens Terrace, Exeter, Devon.
July 12.

Hitler plot

From Mr Richard Lamb

Sir, In 1987, writing a book which contains the evidence used by Joachim Fest on the Foreign Office's cold-shouldering of the German resistance in 1944 (letters, July 13), I discussed the BBC's policy in the wake of the Stauffenberg plot with Hugh Carleton Greene, then editor of its German language service.

Greene told me that the Foreign Office had wanted him to be hostile to the conspirators, and he was horrified at the way they underestimated the resistance. He designed the broadcasts to the German people to encourage the opposition and emphasise their strength. There was no question of sacrificing the conspirators "to placate Stalin"; Greene only wanted to boost the resisters.

Unfortunately it turned out that the BBC London broadcasts were helpful to the Gestapo in tracing members of the conspiracy, as was another broadcast from Cairo by a resister, Erich Vermehren, who had defected from the German Embassy in Turkey. Christabel Bielenberg, one of the best known survivors of the resistance, emphasised to me how careless the British were in mentioning names in German language broadcasts, and how this endangered many of the resistance.

Your correspondent Alexander Robertson (letter, July 13) is correct. The Gestapo found a list of the projected members of the anti-Nazi Cabinet, with tragic consequences.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD LAMB
(Author, *The Ghosts of Peace*, Michael Russell, 1987),
Knighton Manor, Broadchalke,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Air traffic liaison

From Group Captain R. J. Sturman, RAF

Sir, Harvey Elliott's article on airspace sharing (Travel News, July 4) rests upon a central thesis that control of the sometimes differing needs of civil and military airspace users would be best vested solely in civilian hands. In the UK it has long been accepted that a *joint* activity is the most efficient and safe way of controlling those parts of the sky in which the civilian and military users come into close proximity.

It is erroneous to suggest that delays to civil aircraft in the UK are the result of military activity. Less than 9 per cent of UK airspace is segregated for military use only, the rest being either open for all to use or "controlled" by either civil or military air traffic control (ATC), or a combination of both, to sustain safety.

Different techniques have evolved for handling the large numbers of mainly civil aircraft flying in controlled airspace and the military and lighter civilian aircraft flying outside the airways structure. Where the two controlling regimes interface there is either face-to-face liaison or effective direct co-ordination; the controllers have access to the same radar information and the same, or compatible, supporting equipment.

Close liaison is maintained at every level; in particular senior military staff regularly participate in the European forums involved with integrating ATC activities.

The UK ATC system's reputation for, to quote your article, "the highest standards in Europe" is, as many thousands of pilots will testify, founded on the long-standing joint and integrated civil/military nature of our work and is the envy of many other nations around the world. Long may it remain so.

Yours faithfully,
R. STURMAN (Acting AOC),
Headquarters,
Military Air Traffic Operations,
Hillingdon House,
Uxbridge, Middlesex.
July 9.

Pub signs

From Mr Adrian Room

Sir, It is good that Nicholas Winterton, MP, is campaigning to preserve the historic names of pubs (report, July 17). But let's nail the old story about the Bag o'Nails being a corruption of Bacchanals.

This pub name was originally an ironmonger's sign, and means what it says. Similarly the Goat and Compasses is not God Encompasses Us but refers to the arms of the Company of Cordwainers, which show a chevron (resembling a pair of compasses) between three goats' heads. Finally, the Ship and Shovel is just that, alluding to coal shovellers from barges, not Sir *Cloudsley Shovel*.

Their origins may not be so colourful, but these names are genuinely historic and deserve preservation.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN ROOM,
12 High Street,
St Martin's, Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Business letters, page 27

Regulation of press

From the Director General of the Institute of Directors

Sir, Brenda Maddox (Media and Marketing, July 3) asks whether I am aware of "the" (*sic*) reason why, while broadcasting is regulated, the press is not.

I am very familiar with the argument that airwaves are scarce, whereas paper isn't. I simply regard this as a quite inadequate rationale for different legal and regulatory treatment of different media.

If it is right for society to seek to maintain certain standards of behaviour through the electronic media, this must also be true of newspapers.

Yours faithfully,
TIM MELVILLE-ROSS,
Director General,
Institute of Directors,
116 Pall Mall, SW1.
July 9.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Belief, morals and Christian faith

From Baroness Platt of Writtle

Sir, For me the Christian religion's most important Commandments (letters, July 9, 11) are to love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself. The word "love" means unselfish love and consideration for others, not the erotic version. We all sin and need forgiveness in failing to carry out those Commandments to the full, but we must continually try to do better.

It seems to me that if more people were trying to obey them, including those working in the media, we should all be living in a very much happier and better community.

As one who came to a Christian faith in adult life, I remember a former vicar in our parish saying "Don't concentrate on what you do not believe. Put together the pieces of Christianity you do believe, as if it were a jigsaw, and gradually your faith will grow." I have found that to be true.

Yours sincerely,
PLATT of WRITTLE,
House of Lords.
July 9.

From Dr Michael Long

Sir, The Ten Commandments come in Exodus xx. They are issued by a deity who not long before, in Exodus xii, killed huge numbers of Egyptian children and who not long after, in Exodus xxiii, promises to "blot out" (revised standard version) the people of six inconvenient nations.

The First Commandment requires worship of him and him alone. The second shows him ready to punish offences by punishing the offenders' children, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In Exodus xxii it is made clear that people who offend against the First Commandment shall be "utterly destroyed", which probably means that their spouses and children, and maybe their servants and animals too, must be stoned to death alongside the offenders themselves.

Why is this better than "moral relativism"? And how can the Archbishop want it at the core of daily worship by our *schoolchildren* (reports, July 6)?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL LONG,
Churchill College,
Cambridge CB3 0DS.
July 11.

Colomberie House

From Mr Alan R. V. Anderson

Sir, Whether or not Sir John Soane was the architect of Colomberie House (letters, July 3, 10), a dispassionate observer would pronounce the building mean and unimpressive.

Fuss and hyperbole have been generated primarily because Jersey has retained so few gems of 18th and early 19th century architecture that a narrow but powerful climate of opinion has decreed that what is old must be preserved.

The Soane connection has been well worked to laud an old but mediocre building with undeserved merit.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. V. ANDERSON,
Côtes de Rozel, Rozel, Jersey, CI.
July 11.

Poetry Olympics

From Mr Michael Horovitz

Sir, Under the heading "Poetry beaten by lack of interest", Erica Wagner reported (July 8) that the audience for our Poetry Olympics at the Royal Albert Hall on July 7 "made up for its small size by its appreciation".

By early evening, however, this audience — 500-strong at the lunchtime outset — had swelled to 1,500, and at the end of the nine-hour marathon (one hour for each muse) the total attendance was 2,000-plus — a record turnout for poetry in Britain since 1965.

So in both quantity and, equally or more important, in quality, poetry could hardly be spoken of as "beaten".

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HOROVITZ
(Co-ordinator, Poetry Olympics and Editor, *New Departures*),
PO Box 9819, London W11 2GQ.
July 14.

Handsome is . . .

From Mr K. A. Stagg

Sir, Both beauty and ugliness (letters, July 8, 9 11) can be measured in minus seconds, on the one hand to make time stand still and, on the other, to stop a clock.

Yours faithfully,
K. A. STAGG,
11 The Brow,
Waterlooville, Hampshire.

From Mr David Eames

Sir, Mr Tim Daw (letter, July 8) considers the milliHelen too blunt an instrument for the assessment of Sir George Gardiner's looks. He might consider the microHelen, defined as the beauty required to launch a rowing boat.

Yours faithfully,
D. EAMES,
6 Yarmouth House,
Durley Close, Alvaston, Derby.
July 9.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 17: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The President of the Republic of Iceland visited Her Majesty and remained to Tea.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Dinner to mark the Eightieth Birthday of Sir Edward Heath KG, MP at No 10 Downing Street and were received by the Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister) and Mrs Major.

His Royal Highness, President, this morning chaired the Annual General Meeting of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, followed by Luncheon, at St James's Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this afternoon visited the Headquarters of the National Playing Fields Association at 25 Ovington Square, London SW3.

His Royal Highness later visited the Albert Memorial, Kensington Gore, London SW7.

The Baroness Miller of Hendon (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 17: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Royal Ballet, was present this evening at a performance by the Royal Ballet School at Holland Park Open Air Theatre, London, W11.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 17: The Duke of Gloucester today visited the East of England Show, Peterborough and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 17: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the new Technology Suite at the City School, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln, and was met on arrival by Colonel John Dymoke (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire).

His Royal Highness today opened the new control system at the Lincolnshire Ambulance and National Health Service Transport Trust, Cross O'Cliffe Court, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln and later opened the new St Peter's Early Years' Centre, Earlesfield Lane, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

The Duke of Kent, Grand Master, the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George, this evening attended a reception at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Whitehall, London SW1.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 17: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening took the Salute at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London SW5.

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace at 4.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Permanent Master of the Shipwrights' Company, will present a shipwright's certificate to Mr Michael Horan at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, at 10.00; and, as Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, will attend a dinner at St James's Palace at 7.00.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the festival service of the Friends of St Paul's in St Paul's Cathedral at 4.50.

Princess Margaret will visit Wytch Farm Oil Field, Wareham, at noon.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit the East of England Show, East of England Showground, Peterborough, at 11.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Grand-Master of the Order of St Michael and St George, will attend a service of commemoration and dedication in St Paul's Cathedral at 11.10.

Princess Alexandra, as Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, will visit the headquarters of the Light Infantry in Cornwall at The Keep, Bodmin, at 12.25; will visit the Cornwall Centre for volunteers at Cathedral House, Wilkes Walk, Truro, at 2.25; and, as vice-president of the Young Women's Christian Association, will visit the centre at 20 Francis Street, at 2.50.

Plaisterers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Plaisterers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr R.B. Lincoln; Upper Warden, Mr R.E. Faulkner; Renter Warden, Mr E.J. Pilgrim; Deputy Master, Mr R.L. Wilhelm.

Company of Watermen and Lightermen

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames for the ensuing year:
Master, Captain Sir Malcolm Edge; Senior Warden, Mr J.C. Jenkinson; Junior Wardens, Mr C.J. Livett, Mr J.G. Johnson and Mr L.G. Barrow.

Memorial meeting

Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH

A memorial meeting for the life and work of Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH, was held on Thursday, July 11, in the Robing Room of the House of Lords. Lord Graham of Edmonton presided. Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG, Mr Tony Christopher, Sir David Steel, MP, Ms Madeleine Simms, Mrs Dilys Cossey and Mr Clive Hollands also spoke. Among others present were:

Lady Houghton of Sowerby (widow), Mr and Mrs Harry Travis (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs David O'Neill, Miss Frances Davis.

The Earl and Countess of Listowel, Viscount Craigavon, Lady Callaghan of Cardiff, Lord Rochester, Lord Dean of Beswick, Baroness Darcy de Knayth, Lord Strabolgi, Lord Milner of Leeds, Lord Varley, Lord Haskel, Lord Holme of Cheltenham, Lord Monson, Lord Brightman, Lord Hollenden, Lord Howe of Aberavon, CH, QC, Lord Stoddart of Swindon, Lord and Lady Mason of Barnsley, Lord and Lady McIntosh of Haringey, Lord and Lady Thomson of Monifieth, Lord and Lady Ashbourne, Baroness Hilton of Eggardon, Lord Greene of Harrow Weald.

Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde, Lord Clark of Kempston, Lord Healey, CH, Lord Clinton-Davis, Lord Henderson of Brompton, Lord Pym, Lord Hooson, QC, Lord and Lady Soulsby of Swaffham Prior, Baroness Wharton, Lord Mishcon, Lord Shaw of Northstead, Lord Croham, Lord Dormand of Easington, Baroness Denton of Wakefield, Lord McCarthy, Baroness Serota, Lord Prior, Lord Gladwin of Clee, Lady Kagan, Lord Carter, Lord Barnett, Baroness Mallalieu, QC.

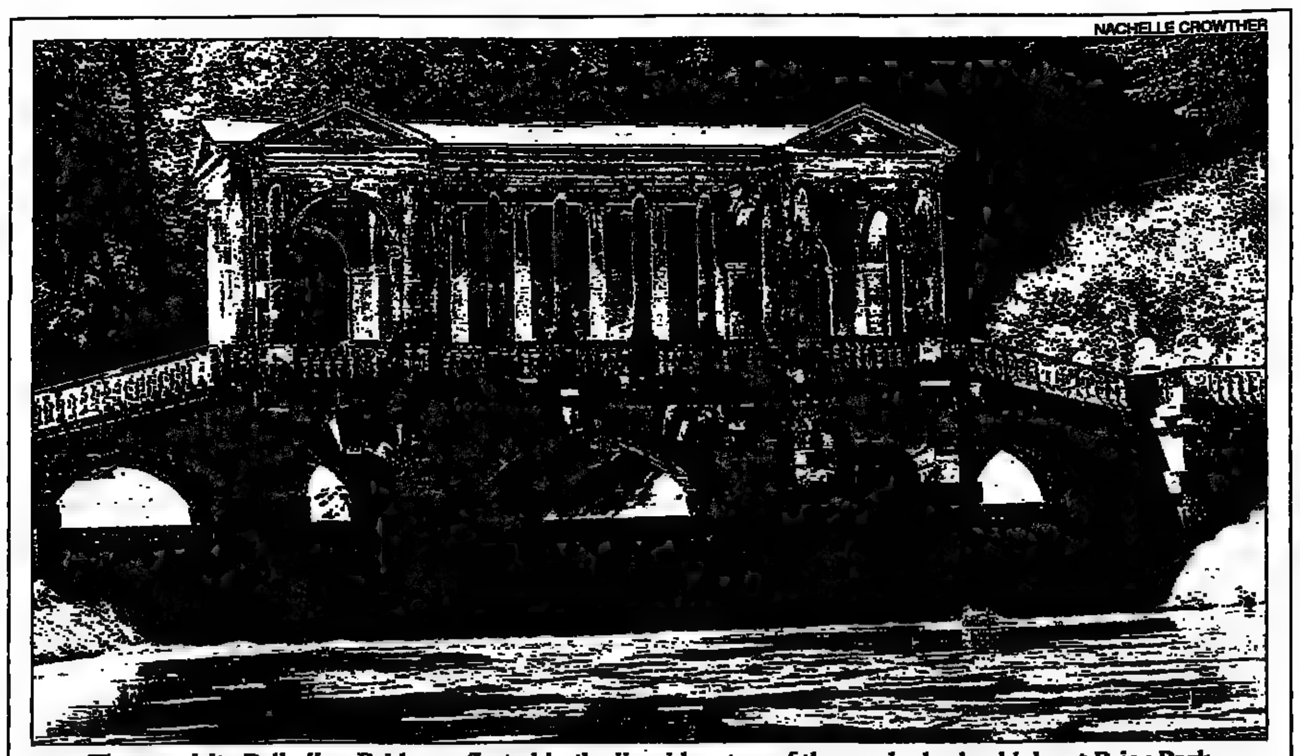
Mr Robert Sheldon, MP, the Hon Sir Charles Morrison, Sir Andrew Bowden, MP, Sir Antony Buck, Sir George and Lady Sinclair, Sir Alan Haselhurst, MP, Sir Robin and Lady Brook, Sir Patrick and Lady Dunn (NCDL) with Ms Clarissa Baldwin and Mr Paul Devlin, Lady Raymond, Dr Jeremy Bray, MP, Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Robin Corbett, MP, Mr David Winnick, MP, Miss Joan Lestor, MP, Mr Max Madden, MP, Mr Nigel Spearing, MP, Mr Roger Gale, MP, Mr Andrew Faulds, MP.

Mr Barry Sheerman, MP, Mr Peter Thurnham, MP, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, MP, Mr Richard Ottaway, MP, Mr David Nicholson, MP, Miss Sara Tuppen, Mr Nico Tuppen, Mr Howard Nicholson, Air Vice-Marshal David Hawkins, Mr Michael Davies, Major M Charlesworth, Mr Robert McCeachy, Mrs Peggy Hornby, Mr Jonathan Oates, Mr and Mrs David Evans, Ms Carla Lane, Mr Trevor Cooper, Dr Roger Mugford, Mr Dean Godson, Mr Alan Lee Williams, Professor D M Broom, Dr Richard Ryder, Mrs K Webster, Mrs M Macdonald, Miss Beryl Urquhart, Mrs Enid Wistrich, Canon and Mrs P Duval, Mr C French, Miss P Molyneux, Miss Pat Christopher.

Mrs Tony Christopher, Mrs Margaret Thomas, Mr Chris Comey, Mrs Breda Sharp, Ms Norma Ponting, Mr K J Bovington, Mr and Mrs Peter Oglesby, Mr Peter Diggory, Ms Elizabeth Forty, Mr Roger Pincham, Mr T Corrigan, Mr Frank Winrow, Mr Paul Tyler, Ms Anne Thorne, Ms A Symonds, Ms Diane Munday, Mrs William Smith, Dr Tim Black, Mr and Mrs Alastair Service, Mr R W Lloyd-Davies.

Colonel F N J Davies (Chief Clerk, Duchy of Lancaster), Professor Simon Orr (BSAVA) Mr R M Stevenson and Dr John Seamer (BVA) with Mrs Seamer and other members of the association; Mr Roger Ewbank (IFAW), Ms Angela Walder, Mr Ron Kirkby and Mrs Rona Macdonald (RSPCA), Mr Bill Annett (FRAME), Ms Anne Weyman (FPA), Mr John Bryant (League Against Cruel Sports).

Mr Bill Nightingale, Mr Roger Straker, Mr Bruce Warman, Ms Judy Lowe, Mr Barry Welch, Mr John Lockwood and Mr Lee Bedford (Devonshire House Management), Professor R Worcester (MORI), Ms Cindy Milburn (WSPA), Ms Margaret Wall (Civil Service Fellowship), Mr J Creamer (NAVS) and many other friends.



NACHELLE CROWTHER

The exquisite Palladian Bridge, reflected in the limpid waters of the newly-dredged lake at Prior Park

Prior Park gardens restored to former glory

BY MARCUS BINNEY, ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the most beautiful landscape gardens in Britain opens to the public today after a £650,000 restoration programme by the National Trust.

The glory of the grounds of Prior Park, outside Bath, is that the view is equally stunning in both directions, whether looking down to the exquisite Palladian Bridge, reflected in the limpid waters of the newly-dredged lake, with the City of Bath in the background, or looking back past the bridge to the magnificent porticoed mansion on top of the hill.

Prior Park was built for the philanthropist entrepreneur Ralph Allen whose energy and vision made Bath the most fashionable of 18th century English spas. In laying out his grounds, Allen had the advice first of the poet Alexander Pope, and then of the famous landscape gardener Lancelot "Capability Brown".

To Brown is due the magical softness of the gentle valley, framed by hanging woods, which forms an arcadian contrast to the classical perfection of the Palladian Bridge and the magnificent house.

The twenty-eight acres of parkland were given to the National Trust in 1993 by Prior Park College and the Order of Christian Brothers, who own the freehold of the site, shortly after the main buildings, used as a school, were badly damaged by fire. The school buildings, which do not belong to the Trust, have since been restored.

About half the money was supplied by a £250,000 grant from the National Heritage Memorial Fund. Other grants came from the former Bath City Council, the European Commission, Midland Bank and English Heritage together with various private bequests and donations from charitable funds. But at least £140,000 is needed to complete the work.

One of the difficulties has been to reassure local residents that the surrounding roads will not be choked with visitors' cars. The Trust has adopted a "green" policy of encouraging people to come by bus, cycle or on foot. Planning permission for the gardens to be opened has been granted for only two-and-a-half years on an experimental basis to prove that the "green" strategy can work.

The gardens will be open everyday except Tuesdays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day from noon to 5.30pm. The entrance charge is £3.80 for an adult and £1.90 for a child, with a £1 discount for those producing train or bus tickets.

Birthdays today

Mr Kenneth Armitage, sculptor, 80; Lady Bingley, social worker, 71; Mr Edward Bond, playwright and director, 62; Mr Richard Branson, chairman, Virgin Group, 46; Mr C.D. Daykin, Government Actuary, 48; Mr G.H.G. Doggart, former Headmaster, King's School, Bruton, 71; Viscount Esher, 83; Mr Nick Faldo, golfer, 39; Mr John Fraser, former chairman Ciba UK Group, 65; Senator John Glenn, former astronaut, 75; the Hon Peter Greenall, group managing director, Greenalls Group, 43; Mr David Hemery, athlete, 52; Miss Elizabeth Jennings, author, 70; Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, 81; Mr Denis Lillee, cricketer, 47; Mr Nelson Mandela, OM, President of South Africa, 78; Mr Anthony Miles, publisher, 66; Mr Richard Pasco, actor, 70; Sir Robert Speed, QC, former Counsel to the Speaker, 91; Dr G. M. Stephen, High Master, Manchester Grammar School, 47; Sir Jamie Stormonth Darling, former director, National Trust for Scotland, 78; Mr Jim Watt, boxer, 48; Dr B.C.L. Weedon, former Vice-Chancellor, Nottingham University, 73; Mr Yevgeny Yevtushenko, poet, 63.

Luncheon

The Royal Automobile Club

Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman, presided at the annual luncheon for the Senior One Hundred members of The Royal Automobile Club, which was held in the Clubhouse yesterday. Mr R.V.C. Montgomerie-Charrington, who joined the RAC in 1936, responded to the toast to the Senior One Hundred, proposed by Mr Rose.

Service dinner

Haberdashers' Company

Field Marshal Sir John Stanier, Constable of HM Tower of London, was the guest of honour at a dinner given yesterday by the Haberdashers' Company for representatives from its Regular and Reserve Armed Forces affiliated units, the Police, Fire, Ambulance services and Cadet Force Officers associated with the company and its schools. Mr Peter Bedford, Master, presided.

Church news

BISHOP OF CHESTER

The Rev Peter Forster, Vicar of Beverley Minster, in the diocese of York, is to be Bishop of Chester in succession to the Right Rev Michael Baughen, who retires at the end of August.

Other appointments

The Rev Alison Beever, Assistant Curate, Christ Church and St Mark's, Watford (St Albans): to be Priest-in-charge, St Catherine of Siena, Tilehurst (Oxford).

The Rev Godfrey Bell, Rector, Tollard Royal w Farnham, Gussage St Michael and Gussage All Saints', Ashmore and Chettle (Salisbury): to be Vicar, Exe Valley Team Ministry (Exeter).

The Rev Ron Clark, Incumbent, Kilgariffe Union, Cork, Cloyne and Ross (Church of Ireland): to be Chaplain (full-time) to the Blackburn Hospitals, Blackburn and Hyndburn NHS Trust.

The Rev Canon Christopher Clarke, Team Rector, Bracknell Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Sonning (Oxford).

The Rev Rachel Creighton, Assistant Curate, Basford w Hyson Green: to be Assistant Curate, All Saints', Nottingham (Southwell).

The Rev Christopher Davies, Vicar, St. James, Malden: to be Team Rector, St. Mary, Wimbledon (Southwark).

The Rev Robert Farmer, Curate, Leigh St. Clement (Chelmsford): to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary the Virgin, Wellingborough (Peterborough).

The Rev John Hammersley, Director of the Thamesway Programme, and Team Vicar, Langley Team Ministry: to be Integrated Training Portfolio Co-ordinator and LNSM Officer, Buckingham Archdeaconry, with a general licence to officiate (Oxford).

The Rev Simon Richards, Vicar, Berkeley w Wick, Breadstone and Newport, to be also Rural Dean of Dursley (Gloucester).

The Rev Joan Rowe, Curate, Holy Trinity, Nailsea, to be Priest-in-Charge, Shapwick w Ashcott and Burtle (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Peter Stephens, Priest-in-Charge, High Oak and Rural Dean of Humbleyard, to be also Assistant Minister, Hingham and Scoulton w Wood Rising (Norwich).

The Rev Philip Swan, Assistant Priest, St Stephen and St Wulstan, Selly Park, to be Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity, The Lickey (Birmingham).

The Rev Alan Thomas, Vicar, Christ Church, Frome, to be Rector, Camerton w Dunkerton w Foxcote (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Kevin Tingay, Rector, Bradford on Tone w Oake and Hillfarrance and Heathfield, to be also Rural Dean of Tone (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Nigel Venning, Rector, Staplegrove, to be also Rural Dean of Taunton (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Stephen Walker, Priest-in-Charge, Grove Green St John, a Local Ecumenical Project within the parish of Boxley, to be also Children's Ministry Adviser (Canterbury).

The Rev Alastair Wallace, Rector, Bath Abbey Group Ministry, St Michael and St Paul, Bath, and Rural Dean of Bath, to be Hon Assistant Diocesan Missioner, Sub-Dean and Prebendary of Wells Cathedral.

The Rev Christopher Walter, Curate, Fakenham, to be Priest-in-Charge, Buxton w Oxnead, Lammas w Little Hautbois, and Brampton (Norwich).

The Rev Kevin Walton, Assistant Curate, Hartlepool Holy Trinity, to be Vicar, Sunderland St Mary and St Peter, within the group ministry of the Annunciation (Durham).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Canon Dennis Crook, Vicar, St. John, Accrington w St. Augustine, Huncoat (Blackburn): to retire July 31.

The Rev Alfred Hancock, Assistant Priest (NSM), Phillack w Gwithian and Gwinear (Truro): to retire August 31.

The Rev Joan Kirby, Priest-in-charge (NSM), Cardynham (Truro): to retire September 8.

The Rev Reuben Preston, Team Vicar, Malvern Link w Cowleigh Team Ministry (Worcester): resigned June 15.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Hooke, physicist, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, 1635; Gilbert White, clergyman and naturalist, Selborne, Hampshire, 1720; Feargus O'Connor, Chartist leader, Connorville, Co Cork, 1794; William Makepeace Thackeray, Calcutta, 1811; W.G. Grace, cricketer, Downend, Gloucestershire, 1848; Philip Snowden, Viscount Snowden, statesman, Ickornshaw, Yorkshire, 1864.

DEATHS: Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, painter, Port Ercole, Italy, 1610; Antonio Vieira, Jesuit missionary, Salvador, Brazil, 1697; John Paul Jones, naval adventurer, Paris, 1792; Jane Austen, novelist, Winchester, 1817; Benito Juarez, President of Mexico 1861-72, Mexico City, 1872; Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, Dean of Westminster 1864-81, London, 1881; Thomas Cook, travel agent pioneer, Leicester, 1892; Don Carlos, pretender to the Spanish throne, Varese, Italy, 1909; Hermann Adler, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire 1891-1911, London, 1911; Thomas Sturge Moore, art historian and poet, Windsor, 1944; Corneille Heymans, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1938, Knokke, Belgium, 1968; Jack Hawkins, actor, London, 1973.

Vatican Council promulgated the Dogma of Papal Infallibility, 1870.

The Cenotaph in Whitehall, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, was unveiled, 1920.

Spanish Civil War began, 1936.

Disneyland opened near Anaheim, California, 1955.

Reception

Baroness Brigstocke

Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, was the host at a tea party held yesterday at the House of Lords for members of the union. Lady Brigstocke and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, director general, received the guests.

Dinners

Prime Minister

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were present at a dinner held last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP. The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were the hosts. The other guests were:

M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, Mme Georges Pompidou, the German Ambassador and Frau Oesterhelt, Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, and Mrs Heseltine, the Speaker, the Countess of Avon, Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, and Viscountess Whitelaw, Lord Carrington, KG, CH, and Lady Carrington, Lord and Lady Aldington, Lord and Lady Barber, Lord and Lady Carr of Hadley, Lord and Lady Prior, Lord and Lady Pym, Lord Thomas of Gwydir, QC, Lord Howe of Aberavon, CH, QC, and Lady Howe, Lady Soames, Lady Allan of Kilmahew, Lord and Lady Armstrong of Ilminster, Lord Menuhin, OM, and Lady Menuhin, Dame Moura Lympany, Lady Walton, Sir Timothy and Lady Kitson, Sir David Alliance, Mrs Eugene Esterkin, Sir David Madel, MP, and Lady Madel, Mr Mstislav Rostropovich, Mr Ivo Pogorelich, Mr and Mrs Gilbert Kaplan, the Hon Mrs Sara Morrison, Mr and Mrs Madron Seligman, Mr and Mrs Peter Nicholson, Sir Robert Fellowes, Sir Robin and Lady Butler, Mrs Mary Francis, Miss Rosemary Bushe, Mr Michael McManus, Miss Henrietta Rolston, Mrs Penny Langran, Miss Rebecca Sharpe, Mr Richard Burn, Mr Peter Batey and Mr Alex Allan.

The Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner last night at the Mansion House the Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the Secretary of State For the Home Department and Mrs Howard, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Bingham of Cornhill, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Woolf, the Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court and Lady Scott, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, and other of Her Majesty's Judges, Aldermen, Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and some members of the Court of Common Council and Officers of the Corporation of London and their escorts.

The Lord Mayor, the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice were the speakers. Among others present were:

Sir Robert and Lady Bellinger, Sir Murray Fox, Miss Christine Fox, Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter and Lady Vanneck, the Lord Advocate and Lady Mackay of Drumadoon, the Attorney General and Lady Lyell, the Solicitor General and Lady Spencer, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland and Lady Hutton, HM Procurator General and Mrs Saunders, the Commission of the Metropolitan Police and Lady Condon, Sir Thomas and Lady Legg, the Director of Public Prosecutions and Mr J.A.D. Mills, the Master of the Solicitors' Company and Mrs King, the Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate and Mrs Badge, the Chairman of the Council of the Bar and Mrs Penry-Davey, Mr Paul Kennedy, Ms Lindsay Rawding, Mr Gary Streeter, MP, and Mrs Streeter, Master and Mrs R L Turner, Mr Julian Wignall, Mr and Mrs John Young, Mr and Mrs Neville Bannister, Professor and Mrs Michael Besser, Mr and Mrs Conrad Dehn, Mr and Mrs E Nugee, Mr and Mrs Michael Sherrard, Mr and Mrs Evan Stone and Mr and Mrs Michael Sullivan.

Coningsby Club

Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner of the Coningsby Club held last night at the Carlton Club. Mr Jeremy Hunt presided.

Law Society

Mr Martin Mears, President of the Law Society, the Vice-President and the Council were the hosts at a dinner held last night at Law Society Hall. Among those present were:
Lord Templeman, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, Baroness Wilcox, Miss Cherie Booth, QC, Sir Tim Chessells, Mr Paul Boateng, MP, and Mr John Bridgeman.

Royal Albert Hall

The President and Council of the Corporation of the Royal Albert Hall were the hosts at a dinner held last night in honour of Lady Grade, to mark her long association with the Hall and her recent retirement as Senior Vice President. Lord Grade was also present.

Parish Clerks' Company

The Rev Graham Blacktop, Master of the Parish Clerks' Company, presided, assisted by the Wardens, Mr O.W.H. Clark and Mr J.D. Hebblethwaite at the installation dinner held last night at Painters' Hall. Canon Joseph Robinson, Parish Clerk of Christ Church, Greyfriars, and the Dean of Wesminster also spoke. The Rev Richard Hayes, Rector of the Church of St Mary Woolnoth, officiated at evensong held earlier at the church.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mr Peter Bloom and Lord Trefgarne were the speaker. During the evening Lord Butterworth presented Dr W. Graham Richards with the Lloyd of Kilgerran Prize.

Trinity House

Rear-Admiral Patrick Rowe has been elected Deputy Master of Trinity House in succession to Captain Sir Malcolm Edge.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.F. Birtles and Miss E.J. Poett

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr John Birtles, of Coln St Aldwyn, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Nicholas Clark, of Oddington, Gloucestershire, and Liza, twin daughter of Major and Mrs Simon Poett, of Great Durnford, Salisbury.

Captain W.H. de Gale and Miss S.M. Brewer

The engagement is announced between Captain William Hervey de Gale, The Life Guards, son of Mr and Mrs David de Gale, of Swefling, Suffolk, and Sasha Magdalene, daughter of Mr Peter Brewer, of Berlin and Mrs Dalene Brewer, of Malaga, Spain.

Mr P.A. Kerr and Miss C.V. Reveley

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Kerr, of Biggin Hill, Kent, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Reveley, of Shirley, Surrey.

Mr R.J. Torday and the Hon Ruth D. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs John Torday, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Ruth, daughter of Lord Taylor of Gosforth and the late Lady Taylor, of Temple, EC4.

Marriages

Mr Y. Le Goaëc and Mlle I. Cardo

The marriage took place on July 6, 1996, of Mr Yann Le Goaëc, elder son of M and Mme Jean Le Goaëc, grandson of the Marques and Marquesa del Moral, to Mlle Isabelle Cardo, daughter of M and Mme Pierre Cardo. Nuptial Mass was concelebrated at l'Eglise St Hilaire à Montilliers, Maine et Loire.

Mr J.W. Parker and Miss K.A. Thieme

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 13, at St Mary the Virgin, Radwinter, Essex, of Mr James Parker, eldest son of Sir Jonathan and Lady Parker, to Miss Kristin Thieme, only daughter of Mr Donald Thieme and Mrs Carole Thieme. The Rev Brian Macdonald-Milne and Dom Dominic Milroy, OSB, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Sonia Kaplan, Miss Clare Parker, Miss Manuela Burns, Renata, Julia, Miriam and Francesca Burns, and Susanna Thieme. Mr Rob Newman was best man.

University news

Birmingham

The following will be awarded honorary degrees at the University's Degree Congregations in July:

Professor Akito Arima, President of the Institute of Physical and Chemical Research in Japan, Doctor of Science
Mr Michael Black, author and publisher, Doctor of Letters
Professor Sir Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Health, Doctor of Medicine
Professor Sir Anthony Epstein, scientist, Doctor of Science
Dr John Garlick, art historian, former Keeper of Western Art at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, Doctor of Letters
Mr Francis Jacobs, Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Communities, Doctor of Laws
The Right Rev David Jenkins, former Bishop of Durham, Doctor of Divinity
Dr Stewart Millar, Director of Engineering and Technology, Rolls-Royce, Doctor of Engineering
Professor Sir Eduardo Luigi Paolozzi, sculptor, Doctor of Letters
Mr Bernd Pischetsrieder, Chairman of the Executive Board of BMW, Doctor of Engineering
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BENCH - On July 14th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Claire (née Capstick) and Christopher, a daughter, Claudia Louise.

BISHOP - On July 16th in Cambridge, to Samantha and Michael, a daughter, Holly Isabella.

CLARK - On 12th July, to Catriona (née Muir-Taylor) and Lloyd, a son, Frederick Charles Edward.

CLEMENT - On July 16th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Nicole (née Weiss) and Jean-Michel, a gorgeous little daughter, Ladina, a sister for Mathis.

COLES - On 14th July, to Alison and Christopher, a son, Hamish.

CURTIS - On July 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Lindsey (née Horwood) and Steven, a precious and beautiful daughter, Emily Hope.

GROSE - On July 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Philip and Rachel, a beautiful daughter, Erica Lynn, a sister for Nathan.

GROVE - On 12th July, to Tom and Carol (née Martin), a wonderful son, Angus Thomas Martin, a brother for Charlotte and Lucy.

KANDOLA - On 11th July at Warwick Hospital, to Parveen (née Dosanjh) and Harjit, a beautiful son, Arjun Singh, 5lbs 4oz.

KIMBERLEY - On July 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Nicky and Gary, a daughter, Flora Rose.

KINDER - On June 29th, to Edward and Caroline (née Case), a daughter, Clementine Harriet, a sister for William and Alice.

BIRTHS

McCLUNG - On July 13th at Borders General Hospital, Melrose, to Nicola (née Stewart of Coll) and Fraser, a daughter, Ailsa Elizabeth, a sister for Lucy.

MEISEL - On July 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Roni (née Shaya) and Wayne, a beautiful daughter, Georgia Peige.

RHIND - On July 14th at Northampton General Hospital, to Caroline (née Perkins) and Rory, a son, Giles Jonathan William, a brother for Marcus.

RIDDELL - On Tuesday 16th July, to Avril (nee Walker) and Peter, a beloved daughter, Emily.

ROBSON - On July 8th, to Josephine (née Heard) and Hugo, a son, Thomas Hugo Nigel, a brother for Helena and Katharine.

STALLWORTHY-JENKINS - To Simon and Janette, a daughter, Emily, born 15th July at Beverley.

DEATHS

BENNETT - Douglas George. Peacefully on 12th July 1996 at The Middlesex Hospital after a short and unexpected illness, much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed.

BUCK - Jules and Joan Juliet Buck have the sorrow to announce the death of their wife and mother Joyce Buck at St Johns Hospital, Santa Monica, California, July 13. Joyce Getz Buck was born on April 17, 1925 in Chicago Illinois. She married Captain Jules Buck on January 29, 1946. She will be buried with her mother Esta Getz and her brother Don Getz in La Bocca, Cannes, France. and terribly missed

DEATHS

BULLER - Jean Noella Elsie (née Davies) of Ansford, Somerset on 15th July 1996 peacefully in hospital. Beloved wife of Robert, mother of Christopher and Caroline, grandmother of Guy and Katie and sister of Sheila. Requiem Mass at St Andrew's Church, Ansford on Saturday 20th July at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Latch (Llandough Aim to Treat Children with cancer and leukaemia with Hope) c/o Harold. F. Miles, Funeral Director. South Cadbury. BA22 7ES. Tel: (01963) 440367.

CHARLTON - On 15th July in the tender care of The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, and surrounded by her family, Beryl Dorothy ('Dickie'), beloved wife of John and mother of Richard and Ann. Grandmother of Laura, David and William. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for the Friends of Royal Marsden Hospital. Sutton: c/o Rowland Bros, 44 High Street, Purley. CR8 2AA.

CLIFFORD - William Henry Reginald (Rex) O.B.E., 1st Punjab REGT/RA/ASVU died peacefully at Hastings 15th July 1996 in his 82nd year. Funeral Service at Battle Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday 23rd July at 10 am, followed by cremation at Hastings at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations to The 1st Punjab Regimental Association c/o Lloyds Bank, Reigate, Surrey, or F Jempson & Son, 38 High Street, Battle. tel: (01424) 772025.

DEATHS

ELLIOTT - Hilton. Died peacefully in Bruges, Belgium on 9th July 1996 aged 73 years. Beloved husband of Marguerite, loving father of Ruitton and Marguerite Jean, grandfather to Zoe, Logan, Laura and James. Funeral has already taken place in Oostende. A great man, much loved, he will be sorely missed.

EVANS - Peacefully at home with his family on Friday July 12th, Evan Howard Gwynfryn of Llangathen, Carmarthen Funeral strictly private. A service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for his life will take place at Llangathen Parish Church on Friday, July 19th at 3 pm

FISHER - Allan Jasper on July 13th 1996, peacefully at his home, sometime Senior Master at Hallfield School, Edgbaston, and widower of Alison, and father of Gabriel, Nicholas and Thomas. Funeral Service at St George's, Edgbaston, on Friday 19th July 1996 at 12.45 pm, followed by interment at Repton Cemetery. No flowers, but donations if desired, to St George's Restoration Fund c/o 3 Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

FLOYD - Neil. Peacefully at home on July 15th 1996 after a long illness. Funeral Service at St Marys Church, Mortimer on Monday July 22nd 1996 at 12 noon. No flowers thank you. Donations if desired to: Leukaemia and Lymphoma Unit (W2B) c/o Geoffrey Church & Co. 46 Bishopswood Road, Tadley, Hants.

DEATHS

JAMES - Gladys MacPhail, in Hamilton New Zealand, beloved wife of the late William Owen James FRS, passed away peacefully in her sleep July 10th 1996. She will be missed by her daughters Daphne and Anne and their families. Messages: 21 Herbert Road, Hamilton, New Zealand.

JEFFERY - Reverend Canon Robert Michael, died 16th July 1996 at St Nicholas Hospital, Salisbury after a long illness. Requiem Mass at St Nicholas Hospital Chapel, Salisbury on Wednesday 24th July 1996 at 12 noon. Donations if desired for Salisbury Hospice Care Trust c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, Griffin House, 56 Winchester Street, Salisbury, SP1 1HL.

McNICOLL - Jean Ellen on 16th July peacefully in hospital in her 82nd year, beloved twin of Enid and sister of Kenny. Much loved mother of Mary and Janet and grandmother of Peter, Ra, Marco and Rossie. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Horsell, on Wednesday 24th July at 3.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Macmillan Nurses.

MORAN - Diana, aged 87, on July 14th in Addenbrookes, Cambridge, after three years of loving care at Langdon House, Chesterton. Funeral at 2.30 pm on July 23rd at St Andrews, Chesterton. Donations if wished to the R.N.L.I.

NORD - Hans on July 16th in the Hague aged 77 years, much loved husband of Margaret, father of Roger and Mark - a true European.

NOTT - Ann (née Chalmers) died at the London Clinic Tuesday 16th July Funeral Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham, on Monday 22nd July at 4 pm.

DEATHS

PALMER - Owilym Haydn, of Weymouth on 16th July after much suffering. Loved and loving husband of June and father of Judith and the late Robert. His funeral service will take place at Weymouth Crematorium on Monday 22nd July 1996 at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, for 'Arthritis and Rheumatism Council' may be forwarded to Cotton & Son, Ainsworth House, Trinity Street, Weymouth, DT4 8TW. Enquiries tel: (01305) 767676.

QUINAULT - Gladys Clare, on 16th July in Dulwich Hospital after a protracted illness patiently borne. Dearly loved by husband René and all her family, and will be greatly missed by her many friends. Funeral Monday 22nd July 12 noon at St Mary's Church, Puttenham, Herts. Family flowers only, but donations welcome' to the League of Friends or to Renal Research Fund, both at Dulwich Hospital, London SE22 8PT.

SHERBORNE - On 15th July, Richard beloved husband and friend of Eryl, loved and respected by his stepchildren Nick, Jonathan, Lisa and the late Tim and also by his step-grandchildren, and a loving uncle and brother. Funeral Service on Tuesday 23rd July 2 pm at The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Ringwood, followed by private burial. No flowers by request. Donations if desired for the Macmillan Cancer Trust may be sent to Doric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 756 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth BH7 6AN.

DEATHS

STOGDON - Norman Francis, dear husband of Yvonne and brother of Joan and Audrey, died on July 13th aged 87 after bravely fighting against long illness. Cremation 23rd July at 3.30 pm Putney Vale Cemetery. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Cancer and Diabetes Research.

SWISS - Suddenly and peacefully on July 11th at home Sir Rodney Geoffrey Swiss OBE, JP, FDSRCS, aged 91. Former President of the General Dental Council and the British Dental Association. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Monday 22nd July at 2.30 pm (East Chapel). Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the British Dental Association Benevolent Fund c/o T.A. Ellement & Sons Ltd., 21, Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 3HD.

SYMONS - Peacefully at home on July 18th 1996, Mary adored wife of Michael for 51 years. Beloved mother of Heather, Susan and Richard and a much loved grandmother. Funeral Service at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Thursday July 25th at 1.20 pm. No flowers please. Donations for the Cobalt Unit at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and for the Community and Macmillan Nurses may be sent to W.R.R. Pugh & Son, Shrewsbury (01743) 344646.

TUCKETT - On 16th July 1996 peacefully at his home in Dorking after a short illness Denys aged 88, Past President of National Union of Journalists. Funeral Service on Wednesday 24th July at 2.30 pm at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Family flowers only. Donations for Cancer Relief McMillan Fund may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, Surrey RH4 2ES.

DEATHS

VINCENZI - Dr. Julius, lately of Earls Colne, Essex, died very peacefully in Perth, W. Australia on 13th July, aged 88. Much loved husband of Copper and father of Paul, Christopher, Lisa and James. Memorial Service at St Barnabas Church, Great Tey, Essex at 2 pm 6th August. No flowers please but, if desired, donations to Alzheimer's Disease Society (Research), Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PH.

WILMOT - Richard Geoffrey. As was his wish with his beloved Pat.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHIESMAN - A Memorial Service will be held for the life of Major Anthony Noel Kingsley Chiesman, late The Life Guards, on Tuesday 10th September at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, at 11.30 am.

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OBITUARIES

CHAS CHANDLER

Chas Chandler, bass guitarist with the 1960s rock group, the Animals, died of a heart attack yesterday aged 57. He was born in Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne, on December 18, 1938.

WITH their memorable hit, *The House of the Rising Sun*, the Animals, for whom Chas Chandler played bass guitar, established themselves at the heart of the British Rhythm and Blues-led movement of the 1960s, which effectively "took the play away" from America in pop music terms. In the Sixties, English rock 'n' roll reigned supreme, re-importing to the United States in a tauter, tougher and altogether more realistic manner, the anodyne sentiments that had originally flowed across the Atlantic, infecting the English dance floors of the Fifties with numbers like Bill Haley's *Rock Around the Clock* and Elvis Presley's *I'm All Shook Up*.

The House of the Rising Sun introduced a note of social realism into this somewhat cosy romance-dominated atmosphere with its theme — life in a New Orleans bordello. Mundane as it may seem from the standpoint of the 1990s, such a theme was, at that time, revolutionary in popular music. With lead singer Bill Burdon's blood-chilling vocals and a backdrop of strafing guitar accompaniment from its lead (Hilton Valentine) and bass guitarists, it seized the imagination and soared effortlessly to the No 1 spot in the British hit parade, which it occupied for a number of weeks. It had similar success in America and in a multitude of other English-speaking countries. It was extraordinary that a group from grey and chilly Tyneside should have been able so convincingly to evoke the steamy life of the American Deep South.

The effective life of the group was short. Not for them the Elder Statesmen of pop status which was to be granted to their great competitors, the Rolling Stones. They were launched in London in 1964 (though they had been a force on Tyneside for more than a year previously). By 1966 Eric Burdon, the group's dynamic lead singer, had decided that the Animals had nowhere to go, and by embarking on a solo career, brought its life to an end in 1969.

But thereafter Chandler was to have an influence on rock 'n' roll that was arguably more important than his input to the Animals had been. As an impresario and manager he had an almost unerring touch. He recognised the extraordinary talents of the American R&B guitarist Jimmy Hendrix, and was responsible for bringing him to London, where his career took off in earnest, and making him a rock 'n' roll legend. He masterminded the metamorphosis of Slade from a nondescript club band to one of the more startling pop phenomena of the early Seventies. Only recently he had founded the Newcastle Arena, Tyneside's answer to the Wembley pop venue.

Chas Chandler, right, with Hilton Valentine, 1964

Chas Chandler was born Bryan James Chandler in a suburb of Newcastle. He went to school locally, but was soon drawn towards the pop music scene which, if not as famous as that developing on the other side of the Pennines in Liverpool, was remarkably healthy on Tyneside. He joined the Alan Price Combo in 1963; it took its name at that time from its organ and vocals specialist and also featured Hilton Valentine on guitar, Chandler on bass and John Steel on drums.

At that time the group's aspirations were summed up in its regular Saturday night sessions at Newcastle's Downbeat Club, and later at the rather more up-market Club A Go-Go. By this time the group had acquired another lead singer, Eric Burdon, whose input was to prove decisive. Burdon lent a raw, "on-the-edge" quality to the group's performance. They were heard at the Club A Go-Go by the impresario Micky Most, who immediately recognised what they had to offer. When they shortly afterwards moved to London, the change in their name to the Animals seemed totally appropriate.

In an astonishingly short time the Animals had established themselves as one of the spearheads of the British R&B movement. In 1964 *The House of the Rising Sun*, an arrangement of a traditional folk-blues song, was voted best disc of the year by the *New Musical Express*. Yet initially EMI had been reluctant to release it at all, arguing that its 4½ minutes duration was far too long for the higher echelons of the charts — to whose devotees was attributed a notoriously small concentration span.

The record sold well over a million copies in the US in addition to its success in Britain and in September 1964 the group embarked on a triumphal tour of the US. *Gonna Send You Back To Walker*, a cover of Timmy Shaw's *Gonna Send You Back To Georgia*, and *I'm Crying* were other big hits in 1964.

For another year the Animals enjoyed immense success, but tensions were already apparent. Burdon, in particular, was increasingly going his own way. Meanwhile Chandler was discovering a role as impresario. His travels abroad with the band were spent as much in listening to other bands as in playing Animals music. He had an astute car and was soon to develop similarly acute business skills. In a New York coffee bar he heard Jimi Hendrix playing a guitar and was convinced of his potential superstar appeal. Bringing Hendrix to London, he launched him on a career that was to make him a legend (a legend made the more poignant in the pop world's eyes from Hendrix's early drug, and drink-induced *felo de se*).

The glam-rock band Slade (who were anything but glam until Chandler reshaped their image) was another of his successes. Altogether he could claim 67 Top Ten hits, either with the Animals or from bands he had managed.

Chandler, a giant of a man, had a high reputation as a rockbiz manager, and was known to be aggressively protective of his clients. His most recent venture, on his native Tyneside, to which he had moved back after a quarter of a century in London, was the Newcastle Arena, a 10,000-seat entertainment and sports centre.

Chandler is survived by his wife Madeleine, a former Miss UK, by their son and two daughters, and by a son from a previous marriage.

ALAN McGILVRAY

Alan McGilvray, MBE, Australian cricket commentator, died in Sydney on July 17 aged 85. He was born there on December 6, 1910.

FOR more than 30 years, from the mid-1950s until his retirement in 1985, Alan McGilvray was the voice of Australian cricket. His style at the microphone, and away from it, was precise and restrained. There were no crescendos, even though his commitment to the Australian cause was absolute. If he was on the air when the Ashes changed hands, he remained ostensibly dispassionate, merely lighting another cigarette and allowing himself an extra twitch or two of his upper lip.

Alan David McGilvray was one of four children of a Sydney shoemaker. Upon leaving Sydney Grammar School he worked in the family business, which gave him ample time for cricket. A left-handed opening batsman, right arm medium-paced bowler and good close-to-the-wicket fielder, he played 20 matches for New South Wales, some of them as captain.

But it was as a broadcaster that he saw his chance of making a name for himself. When Don Bradman's Australians came to England in 1938, McGilvray was closely involved with the synthetic coverage of the tour by a commercial broadcasting station back in Australia. Details of every ball in the Test matches were instantly cabled to a studio in Sydney, where they were built into a running commentary with sound effects to simulate wood on willow.

McGilvray came into his own after the Second World War, in which he served with the First Australian Armoured Division in Australia. For a while Victor Richardson (a former Australian captain), Jack Fingleton, A. G. Moyes, Bernie Kerr and Michael Charlton were all better known to cricket listeners around the world. But once McGilvray became established, the soft hue of his commentaries, his knowledge of the game and its players, his lack of bias, his regard for tradition and particularly his defining but inoffensive Australian accent made him a universal favourite. He went on to cover numerous overseas tours for the Australian Broadcasting Commission, ten of them to England, and to report on more than 200 Test matches. His retirement season became as much a lap of honour round Australia as did that of his more romantic counterpart, John Arlott, round England.

The title of one of the books published as a tribute to Brian Johnston, *Summers Will Never Be The Same*, was taken, in fact, from McGilvray's final summing-up, in a ghosted work called *The Game Is Not The Same*. One of the ABC's gambits during the Packer revolution had been constantly to repeat that "the game is not the same without McGilvray", a reference to the fact that the World Series cricket matches were being played in isolation, or at any rate without any official imprimatur.

That was the measure of the fame and popularity which McGilvray enjoyed in Australia. As a colleague in the broadcasting box he could be sensitive, not to say touchy; but listeners never knew that, and a drink at the end of play, invariably smoothed any ruffled feathers.

McGilvray was appointed MBE in 1974 and received the Advance Australia Award in 1985 for his "outstanding contribution to Australian broadcasting". He married, in 1936, Gwendolyn Griffith, who predeceased him. They had a son and daughter.

FRED HIFT

Fred Hift, film publicist and journalist, died in New York on July 6 aged 74. He was born in Vienna on November 27, 1921.

FOLLOWING a successful career in film journalism, Fred Hift masterminded the European publicity for many of the best-known films of the postwar years. He worked extensively for 20th Century Fox, marketing such productions as *The Longest Day* (1962) before setting up his own London-based public relations company, Fred Hift Associates.

Hift was a master of marketing and with his long experience in journalism had no problems attracting the press to parties, launches and other special events. Among the films he helped to promote after leaving Fox were *The Slipper and the Rose* (1976), and *The Eagle Has Landed* (1976).

Hift was regularly to be found at gatherings like the annual Cannes Film Festival with a bevvy of beautiful women working for him. Those producers who wanted significant media attention for their offerings soon found that employing the services of Hift's entourage became a matter of necessity.

Fred Walter Hift was born and educated in Vienna. Once Austria had been annexed by Germany in 1938, he escaped via England to the United States (most of his family were to perish in the Holocaust). He wrote briefly for the *Chicago Sun-Times* before settling in New York in 1941. There he monitored German and French broadcasts by Nazi leaders for CBS. At the end of the war Hift joined *The New York Times* until his next career move, which took him into the world of films: "I joined *Daily Variety*, at that time under the editorship of Abel Green, early in January 1950 when television wasn't yet a concept, radio still loomed large and of course movies dominated the scene."

A decade later Otto Preminger lured him away from journalism. He was sent, along with his young family, to Israel with a 300 per cent salary increase to be public relations director for the epic, nearly four-hour movie *Exodus* (1960). (During the premiere of *Exodus* one Jewish comedian is alleged to have stood up and said: "Otto, let my people go!") According to Hift, Preminger was a fine director, "but I suffered for it". Although he had his family with him, Hift had a miserable year and wanted to head home and back into journalism when the head of 20th Century Fox, Darryl F. Zanuck, recruited him to manage a lengthy production campaign for the Normandy invasion film, *The Longest Day*.

During this time he was regularly at Zanuck's side, often a little too close for comfort: "We would fly from one location to another by helicopter. The trouble was Zanuck had discovered the fun of hunting rabbits from a helicopter, not with a gun but simply asking the pilot to chase the rabbit from as low an altitude as possible. There were times when I thought the end had really come."

But the relationship flourished and Hift stayed in Europe for seven years working for Zanuck and Fox on a variety of projects not least *Cleopatra* (1963) with Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor. When hard times came for Fox in the early 1970s, they tried to persuade him to return to the United States. Hift had, though, by this time reverted to his own European origins and instead chose to establish an office in London.

He retained the studio as a client while also recruiting other American film companies. He handled publicity for the production and release of numerous films such as *The Return of the Pink Panther* (1974) and Billy Wilder's *Fedora* (1978).

He finally returned to New York in 1980 for family reasons, and finished life more or less where he had begun it, writing about films.

He is survived by his wife Bernice and their two daughters.

LILIAN STACEY

Lilian Stacey, a refugee from the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, died in London on July 8 aged 104. She was born in Debrecen, Hungary, on January 9, 1892.

LILIAN STACEY was one of those Hungarians who literally walked to freedom in 1956. Abandoning her flat in Budapest, and already in her mid-sixties, she made her way on foot to the Austrian border. She carefully timed her arrival at the frontier for Christmas Eve in the hope (which was fulfilled) that the soldiers might prove less vigilant through festive celebration. She then made her way to London, where her son was already established.

The product of the *haute bourgeoisie* of the late Austro-Hungarian Empire, she was the daughter of a successful doctor who had studied medicine under the innovative surgeon, Professor Billroth, at Vienna's Landstrasse Hospital. She herself, after being educated at a convent by Benedictine nuns in her home town of Debrecen, was sent by her parents to a well-known Viennese finishing school.

In 1912, at the age of 20, she married Marius Szecsi, the director of an agricultural machine manufacturing company (she anglicised her surname when she first came to England 40 years ago). Her husband fought for the Central Powers in the First World War, being wounded on the Italian front. During the unsettled years that followed the armistice, her diplomatic talents found full play.

In 1919 she saved her husband's company from being expropriated by occupying Romanian troops. On learning their commanding officer's name, she remembered that it was his sister who had been her greatest friend and confidante at the finishing school in Vienna. An invitation was promptly issued for him to come to tea, which he duly did. A photograph was produced of the two girls in a school play, and no more was heard about the sequestration of her husband's company.

Marius Szecsi was a year later imprisoned by the Communists after Hungary's brief revolution but again she managed to negotiate his freedom. He eventually died in 1945.

During the long Depression of the late 1920s, Lilian Szecsi helped to organise soup kitchens in the county town of Debrecen and was active and energetic in local charities. After suffering much harassment during and after the Second World War, first from the Nazis and then from the Communists, she moved as a widow to Budapest for the sake of anonymity.

There she found a flat next door to that of a Hungarian secret policeman, who luckily failed entirely to report the constant stream of communism's "class enemies" who beat their way to her door. Serving him with meals from time to time may have assisted this convenient tendency towards amnesia.

Between the end of the war and the 1956 Hungarian revolution, she survived by selling all her jewellery and thereby managing to obtain both food and medicine. She made her eventual escape alone.

Lilian Stacey was much travelled, spoke and wrote in four languages, was full of energy and blessed with an unerring instinct for survival. Born in the *fin de siècle* era of the Emperor Franz Joseph, she died in the age of the Internet.

She had two children: a daughter who predeceased her and a son who survives her.

ON THIS DAY

July 18, 1968

Not quite like the Beatles in the flesh, this cartoon film was a field day for animators and there were several of the hit songs including "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" and "Eleanor Rigby"

A BRITISH CARTOON FILM THAT SHOULD PLEASE NEARLY EVERYONE

By John Russell Taylor
Film Critic
London Pavilion:
Yellow Submarine

When the last gnome and patch of crazy paving have disappeared from in front of the last By-pass variegated semi-detached, the early films of Walt Disney will still stand witness to the movement of popular taste they embodied. No, I am not being superior; the lasting effectiveness and conviction of early Disney comes precisely from its close and loving appreciation of what real people really liked at the time. The most important thing about this new British feature cartoon may well prove to be that it stands in exactly the same relation to popular taste in art and decoration now, and has in consequence the same sort of rough, unsophisticated vitality that early Disney had in its time and for ours.

There are important differences, of course. Early Disney had stories. *Yellow Submarine* has none, or none that makes any sense (idyllic Pepperland, home of gentle musicians, is subdued by the Blue Meanies; the Beatles — in cartoon form — are summoned to help, and rout the Blue Meanies by music, which was powerless against them 90 minutes earlier). But then audiences take much less interest in stories nowadays anyway, so in that too the film is a child of its times. Instead of seeking to hold attention by a steady narrative flow it bombards spectators with a succession of visual effects, sometimes beautiful, sometimes hideous, always immediately striking. If one asks what it is about, the answer has nothing to do with plot or character: it is about British popular design in the late 1960s. It seems to have been worked on by just about every notable animator in this country, and it looks like it. Though the characteristic style of designer Heinz Edelmann is the dominating factor, with its bland, flattened simplifications of art nouveau and jazz-modern motifs, rendered in a range of pastel/psychedelic shades, within this framework are contained episodes in wildly varied styles, so that if you don't like one, at least you know that in a couple of minutes it will be replaced by something totally different. The film is a panorama of everything that every colour supplement has done in the last two years, and as such is already a trifle dated — for which reason it seems unlikely to please the really sophisticated, but should do well with those panting along in the rear of fashion. Which is fine; being the last word in modishness is not itself a specially valuable, and anyway is at best an extremely transient, quality. Some of it anyway is good enough to work quite timelessly; the episode with the dancers, set to "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" and very typical of the work of the overall director George Dunning, or the Borowczyk-like evocation of Liverpool which accompanies "Eleanor Rigby". For the rest, it is a real document of the fleeting moment at which one can already see "now" becoming "period". And, at the risk of seeming unsophisticated and passé, I must confess: I really enjoyed it.

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Get in quick for the last good deals

By Tony Dawe and Harvey Elliott

AS THOUSANDS of state schools break for the long summer holiday tomorrow, the last remaining packages for home and abroad are being snapped up fast.

UK self-catering holidays are becoming increasingly difficult to find for the next six weeks. Hoteliers and holiday-village operators also report good bookings as warm weather encourages people to stay at home. Several popular overseas destinations, where capacity has been reduced this year, are also fully booked although a wide choice of holidays is still available.

Simon Box, product director of Crystal Britain, which offers short-break UK hotel holidays, said: "Despite a wet June, the knock-on effect of last summer's sunshine has done wonders for this year's bookings, which are currently up by 20 per cent." He reports that the Cotswolds is just ahead of the Heart of England and the West Country as the most popular destination.

Country Holidays and English Country Cottages, with 7,000 self-catering properties in England, Scotland and Wales, both report a 10 per cent increase in business. "Scotland is the star performer this summer," said Tim Fullam, marketing director of English Country Cottages.

He added that most properties in the South of England, Dorset and south Cornwall are fully booked but some properties remain in north Cornwall and Devon and East Anglia. The National Trust reports that all its accommodation is full.

For those who have just decided on a holiday abroad, there is only a limited choice and prices, generally, are much higher than at the same time last year.

Peter Povey, marketing director of the biggest travel agency chain Lunn Poly said: "People who haven't yet booked and expect to find low-price last-minute bargains are being disappointed. Prices this year are at least 10 per cent higher than last summer and while there are still some good deals, they are being quickly snapped up. The most important rule is to be flexible."

According to Thomas Cook, even Greece is now beginning to sell strongly as late bookers take advantage of the excess capacity and, therefore, lower prices. Inspirations can still offer two weeks in Dalaman, Turkey, for the beginning of August from about £380, especially from regional airports such as Birmingham, Cardiff or Liverpool.

There are still some holidays left in the popular Spanish destinations, especially in the Ballearics, said First Choice holidays, who have also seen a sudden upsurge in bookings. But they, too, say that anyone who still has not made up their minds will be "hard pushed" to find a long-haul bargain.

Thomson said there is very little left to such destinations as Kenya, the Far East, the Caribbean or Florida. A spokeswoman said: "Kenya is completely sold out in August and demand has been so great that we have put on extra aircraft from Gatwick."

A few holidays on the Florida coast remain. The large number of aircraft seats on the route mean that deals to Orlando are still available, but without accommodation. So go only if you are prepared to take a risk.

No one was injured in the bombs that have gone off in Malaga this week, but the Foreign Office, via travel agents, is warning British visitors likely to visit Spain this year to report any suspicious bags or packets.

SPECTRUM

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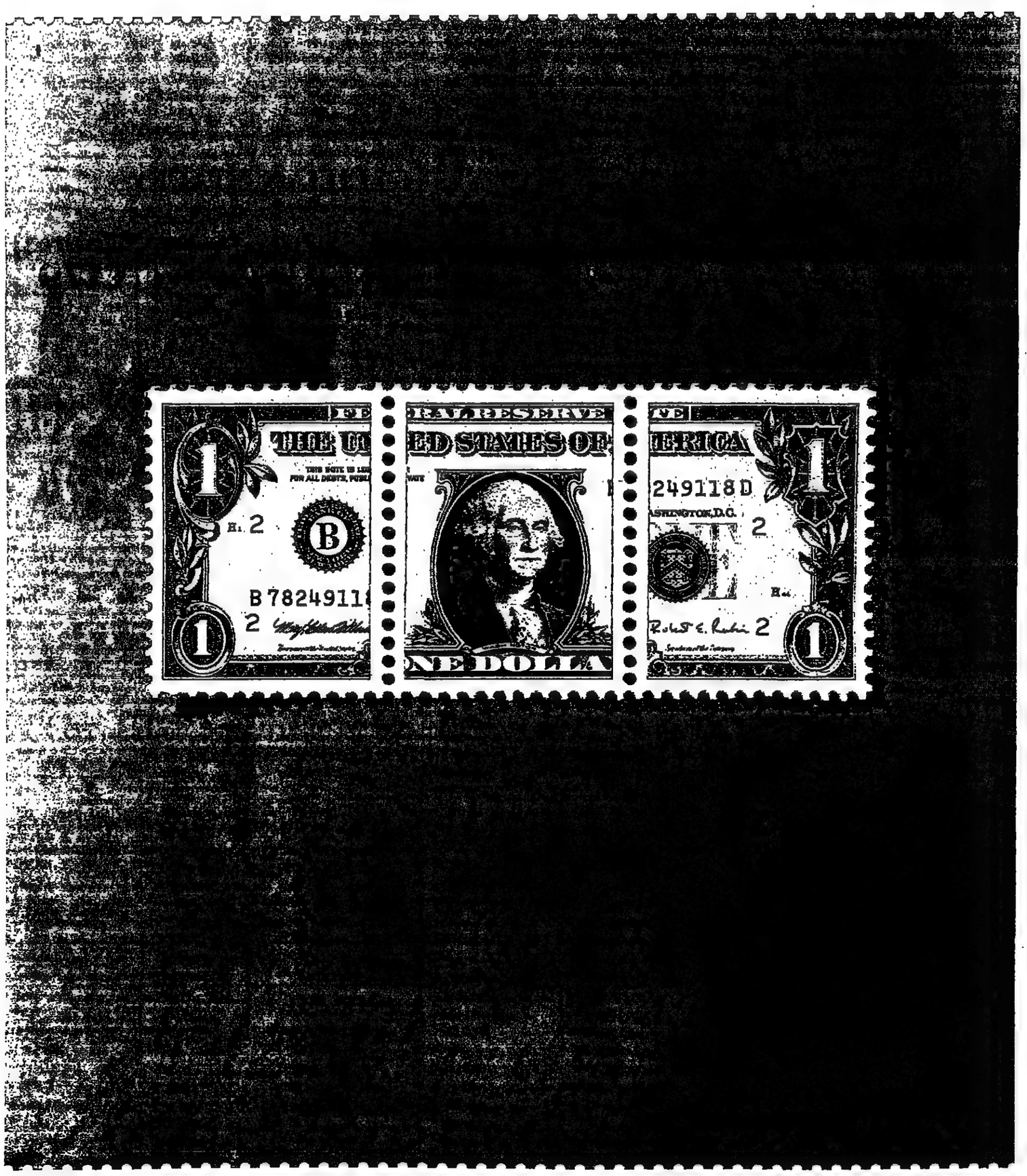

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Passengers flock to Eurostar

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

PASSENGER traffic on the Eurostar high-speed train service to Paris and Brussels has surged by up to 40 per cent since the London and Continental Railways private consortium acquired it from the Government in April.

The 186mph service is already close to passing last year's total of 3.5 million passengers and could exceed the 6.5 million target set by its new owners. Last week saw another record broken with numbers reaching 122,000 passengers carried between London, Ashford, Lille, Paris and Brussels.

London and Continental (LCR) must push traffic levels to around ten million within two years if it is to make the heavily loss-making service profitable, and launch it on the stock market to fund the construction of the Channel Tunnel rail Link.

So far, Eurostar has met all the projections set by the LCR consortium, which includes Virgin Group and National Express, but any faltering in its growth could deal a devastating blow to its ambitions.

A range of new promotions to continue the increase in traffic numbers are set to be announced next month. They include a new "premium first" class giving passengers the freedom to swap their Eurostar tickets for air tickets. This will initially be linked only with British Midland but LCR hopes to include Air France and British Airways in the scheme as well.

There will also be a new intermediate business class, aimed as business travellers who cannot afford the full first-class service. Passengers will have a dedicated economy class coach and will be served a snack meal in their seats.

However, the big increase in passenger numbers is expected to come from the leisure sector, where Eurostar is still relatively weak. The lowest economy price has already been halved from the £99 offered at the launch of Eurostar in 1994, and more special offers are planned. Many Friday, Saturday and Sunday services to Paris are now fully booked.

"We want to make going by Eurostar as popular as going to the Costa del Sol was in the 1960s and Florida in the 1980s," said Mark Furlong, Eurostar's marketing manager.

The Brussels service remains a poor performer, with trains running at 40 per cent full on average. However, with frequency now up to eight trains a day, Eurostar is hoping that more business travellers will be persuaded to use it. In the long run, more regular but shorter trains may be operated to Brussels but this is not currently feasible as it takes up to five hours to uncouple carriages.

Tussaud's war on queues

By David Churchill

AS LONDON enjoys its best-ever year for tourism — with more than 24 million expected — visitors are being offered a guide to beating the queues by the attraction with the longest lines of all, Madame Tussaud's.

The waxworks, which attracted more than 2.7 million visitors last year, is the capital's leading paid-for tourist attraction. But visitors can queue for an hour or more to see the 200-year-old collection of wax models.

Madame Tussaud's now believes that long lines for everything from theatres to restaurants are deterring even more people from coming to London, especially from the rest of Britain. Next week the London Tourist Board is starting a promotional drive to lure people from the regions to the capital.

The Madame Tussaud's guide, *Jumping the Queue*, covers not only London's main tourist attractions but also restaurants and shops. The basic advice for visiting most attractions in comfort is, unsurprisingly, to see them early in the day. Visitors to the Tower of London should "avoid noon-2pm in high season and, if you really don't want to wait, arrive when the Tower opens (9am)".

But if you want to see Buckingham Palace during the summer when the Queen is not in residence, be prepared that "whatever time you visit, it's likely to be very busy". Other advice is also fairly obvious: "London Zoo is less crowded during school term time."

A useful tip for avoiding the queue outside the Hard Rock Café is to phone in advance and put your name down at the door. The advice, however, is not always strictly accurate. Look for a taxi in Shaftesbury Square — which it says is one of the best places to find a cab late at night — and you will face difficulties: Shaftesbury Square does not exist in the London A-Z.

● *Jumping the Queue is available free from the customer services department of Madame Tussaud's, Marylebone Road, London NW1 3LR. The London Tourist Board has a number of helplines available, on push-button telephones only, on 0171-971 0027.*

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Why airlines look for allies

The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

It requires a leap in logic to understand why British Airways is attempting to tie up with American Airlines, which should be its biggest transatlantic competitor.

What can possibly be in it for the ordinary air traveller? Surely prices will rise as they combine to force independent airlines off the route?

It is an argument which ignores the key to understanding air travel. In today's fast-developing international travel market, most British passengers will fly once or twice a year — on holiday charter flights. But neither British Airways nor American Airlines is really interested in their business.

The passengers who can make them profitable do not, for the most part, come from Britain at all. They are business travellers from continental Europe and much of Africa. They do not have direct links from their home towns to the United States, let alone the Far East or South America. Yet thousands of them have to travel every day.

Which long-haul airline they choose depends on three things: convenient schedules, ease of transfer at the intermediate airport and price.

About 52 per cent of passengers on all routes between London and America transfer between flights and begin their journeys at a secondary city.

If BA and American get together they can so arrange their flight schedules that one is almost always ready to pick up such high-yield business-class passengers, from wherever they come, and whisk them across the Atlantic.

Other airports in Europe also appreciate the importance of the transfer passenger. Amsterdam's Schiphol airport, for example, has nearly ten million transfer passengers each year. Many come from Britain, especially from the East Midlands, which has no direct air service to Heathrow.

Suddenly the whole BA-AA concept becomes clear — at least to the two operators. But should it be allowed to go ahead? That is a question which can be answered only if the reasons that underpin it are understood.

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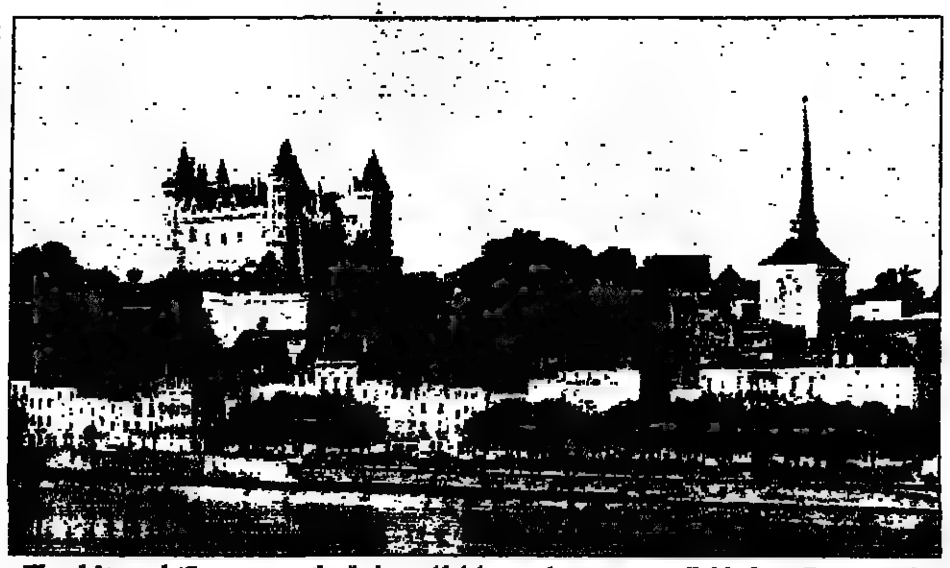

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NEWS

Clarke freezes public sector pay

■ Kenneth Clarke is to impose a freeze on the public sector pay bill for the fourth year running as he tries to cut up to £5 billion from existing spending plans.

Five million public service workers face the prospect of pay increases having to be found from savings in their department budgets as the Government refuses again to increase their £80 billion pay bill ..... Page 1

Lord Chief Justice in European law row

■ The new Lord Chief Justice exposed a deep division at the top of the judiciary when he came out in favour of incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into British law. In his first public speech since taking office, Lord Bingham of Cornhill rejected the view that incorporating the convention would give judges more power ..... Page 1

Mineshaft survivor

A boy aged four who fell 110ft down a disused mineshaft in Wales survived with only cuts and bruises after landing in a pool of mud ..... Page 1

Tube strike call

Labour took a tougher line on the London Tube strike by calling on the unions to abandon today's walkout. The strike threatens to bring the capital its worst travel chaos in seven years ..... Page 1

Primary selection

Primary schools will be given the right to select up to half their pupils under the new education White Paper, said Gillian Shephard ..... Page 2

Footballer attacked

A footballer may never play again after Ulster republican thugs burst into his home in Lurgan and broke his legs and kneecaps with spiked cudgels ..... Page 3

Abortion question

The unborn foetus is capable of feeling pain from the tenth week of pregnancy, according to a report from the Parliamentary Pro-Life Group that will raise new doubts about the ethics of abortion ..... Page 4

Baton death

A music and boxing promoter died after being repeatedly struck over the head with an American-style police baton, an inquest jury was told ..... Page 6

Shopping boom

The largest and possibly last of the out-of-town shopping centres will create 6,800 jobs and attract up to 30 million customers a year at Dartford, Kent ..... Page 7

Right for Wight

The Isle of Wight took a first step towards regaining the independence it lost more than 700 years ago by commissioning an opinion poll to ask residents if they want greater powers ..... Page 8

Dole camp gloom

Bob Dole's campaign is so prone to gaffes, that fellow Republicans fear he will not only lose heavily to President Clinton but could also imperil the Republican control of Congress ..... Page 10

EU anger on Cuba

The European Union told Washington it was not satisfied with President Clinton's compromise on its new Cuban trade law and said it would continue to prepare retaliatory action ..... Page 11

General promoted

Igor Rodionov, the general believed to have been responsible for the 1989 massacre in Tbilisi, was appointed Russian Defence Minister ..... Page 12

French army cuts

A quarter of regiments are to be disbanded as French defence forces undergo sweeping changes that will lead to a British-style professional army ..... Page 13

Pigeon post stunt condemned

■ A publicity stunt by Scottish Life International involving the transportation of racing pigeons in cardboard boxes courier, went badly wrong as the birds landed on the desks of bewildered financial journalists. The "pigeon post" was condemned as "absolutely outrageous" by the RSPCA, which collected them from newspapers and the BBC ..... Page 3

DAVID LONGSTREATH

Chinese swimmers practise their routine for the Olympic synchronised swimming competition which begins next Thursday

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Bonus: United Utilities, the water and electricity company created by Norweb and North West Water, is facing defeat over plans for a bonus scheme that could almost double directors' salaries ..... Page 23

Knight Williams: Lawyers who are acting for investors in the controversial retirement income specialists have criticised the City watchdogs ..... Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 25.9 points to close at 3658.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 85.5 to 84.8 after a fall from $1.5575 to $1.5486 and from DM2.3238 to DM2.3012 ..... Page 26

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Golf: Lack of wind and two days of sunshine have meant that the links at Royal Lytham and St Annes will be at their most benevolent for the start of the Open ..... Page 44

Swimming: China was warned by the sport's governing body to stop drug abuse by its swimmers or the nation would be banished from international competition for at least two years ..... Page 44

Football: Blackburn Rovers made a £4 million offer for Eric Cantona, which they insisted was serious but which caused much amusement at Manchester United ..... Page 44

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Heavy petting: Best of the new films is *The Truth about Cats & Dogs*, a comedy with Uma Thurman. But for golf fans, the new "course comedy", *Happy Gilmore*, is probably a must ..... Page 31

Tales for teens: Philip Pullman has won the Carnegie Medal for Children's Literature with *Northern Lights*, a story about a parallel universe ..... Page 33

Exchange returns: Bombed by the IRA last month, the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester is triumphantly back in business with *The Philadelphia Story*, mounted on a temporary stage in a nearby market ..... Page 33

Asian wit: Radio 4 has succeeded superbly with *Goodness Gracious Me*, says Peter Barnard ..... Page 31

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In his compromise [on the Helms-Burton law] Clinton had to choose between backing the legislation, aimed at capturing the votes of Cuban-Americans, or facing the international protests of countries which invest in Cuba. His flexible formula, designed to please everyone, could end up pleasing no one at all — *ABC*, Madrid

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **RADIO STAR**
Valerie Grove meets Matthew Bannister, the newly anointed head of BBC Radio

■ **EDUCATION**
Are modular A levels destroying sixth-form life and undermining academic standards?

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Preview: Concorde was hailed as a triumph but the Soviet Union was first. (Channel 4, 9pm). **Review:** Peter Barnard on an Olympic hope with God on his side ..... Page 43

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If Mr Clarke disappoints in his reaction to his own officials' imagination then his Shadow does not inspire. Harsh realities may yet compel politicians to look with a kinder eye on cranky kids. Page 17

Our Spanish history

Revisionist views of Franco will be offered — perhaps focusing more on his contribution to defeating Hitler and asking whether he was the best of an extremely unpalatable bunch. Thus does the wheel of understanding roll on ..... Page 17

Sceptic Isle

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JOHN REDWOOD
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PETER RIDDELL
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JOHN BRYANT
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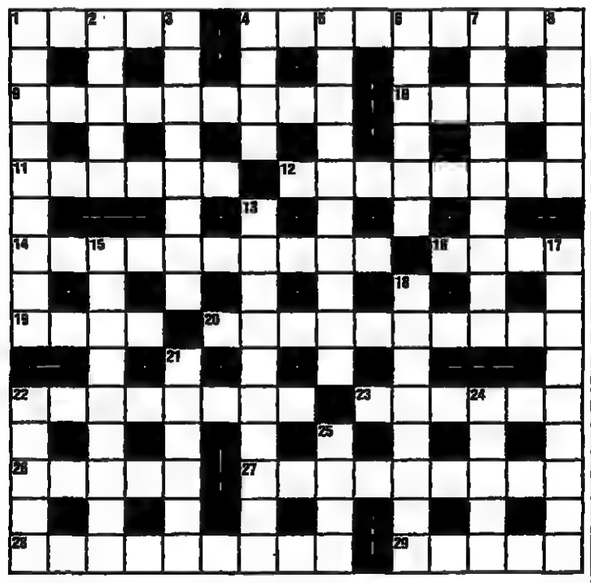

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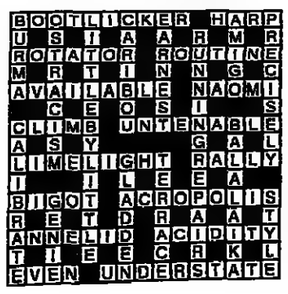

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Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a dry, warm and sunny day after early mist or fog has cleared. Northern and western parts will have some cloud, but should stay mostly dry. Winds will be light and mainly from the south, with sea breezes on the coasts.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, SW England:** overnight mist or fog clearing, then dry with long sunny periods. Wind easterly or northeasterly light to moderate. Max 26C (79F).

☐ **W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Central N, NE England:** overnight mist or fog clearing, then dry with long sunny periods. Wind light and variable with coastal sea breezes. Max 25C (77F).

☐ **Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** overnight mist or fog clearing, then dry with long sunny periods. Wind light and variable with sea breezes. Max 24C (75F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** variable cloud with good sunny periods. Small chance of light rain. Wind southerly light to moderate. Max 19C (66F) in south, 15C (59F) in north.

☐ **Outlook for Friday and Saturday:** overnight mist or fog, dry warm and sunny, cloudier in the northwest.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** Scotland, N England moderate/high; E Anglia: high (low on coast); N Ireland, Midlands, Wales, S East, S West: high; London low/moderate.

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Ch'church	9	48	s	Luxembg	20	68	s	Rio de J	21	70	f
Chicago	31	88	s	Luxor	36	97	s	Riyadh	43	109	s
Cologne	17	63	s	Madrid	30	86	s	Rome	27	81	s
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								Sing'por	31	88	f
								Stkholm	13	55	sh
								Strasb'rg	22	72	s
								Sydney	13	55	s
								Tangier	27	81	f
								Tel Aviv	29	84	c
								Tenerife	28	82	s
								Tokyo	32	90	s
								Toronto	26	79	f
								Tunis	32	90	s
								Valencia	30	86	s
								Vanc'ver	18	64	f
								Venice	29	84	s
								Vienna	21	70	s
								Warsaw	15	59	s
								Wash'ton	31	88	f
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Temperatures at middle European time on Tuesday. X = not available

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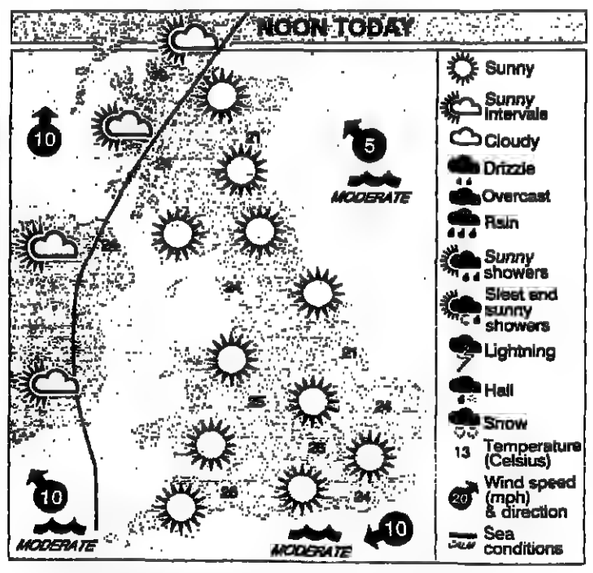

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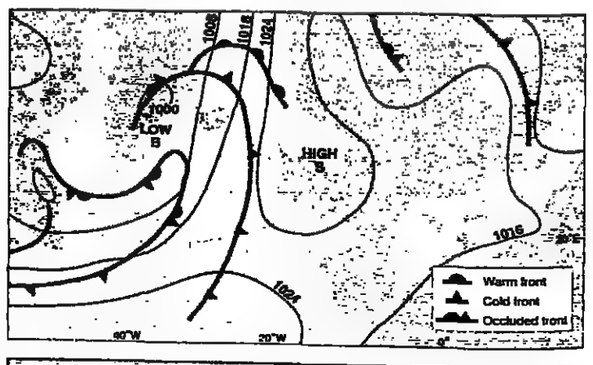

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.19	6.7	3.27	6.7
Aberdeen	2.44	4.1	3.09	3.9
Avonmouth	8.44	12.1	8.56	12.3
Belfast	0.28	3.5	12.48	3.2
Cardiff	8.29	11.5	8.41	11.7
Devonport	7.12	5.0	7.24	5.2
Dover	0.26	6.3	12.43	6.5
Dublin (N Wall)	0.43	3.9	1.07	3.7
Falmouth	6.34	4.7	6.52	5.0
Greenock	1.48	3.4	2.29	3.0
Harwich	1.13	3.7	1.27	3.8
Holyhead	11.51	5.1	-	
Hull (Albert D)	7.23	7.1	8.06	6.8
Ilfracombe	7.34	8.7	7.44	8.8
King's Lynn	7.40	6.3	7.59	6.2
Liverpool	0.26	8.9	12.51	8.7
Lowestoft	10.58	2.6	11.36	2.3
Margate	1.29	4.4	1.31	4.5
Milford Haven	7.41	6.3	7.53	6.4
Newquay	6.31	6.4	6.49	6.5
Oban	7.16	2.6	7.23	3.9
Penzance	6.09	5.0	6.24	5.2
Portland	8.18	1.8	8.28	2.0
Portsmouth	0.24	4.5	12.56	4.5
Shoreham	0.24	5.8	12.51	5.9
Southampton	-	-	12.18	4.3
Swansea	7.48	8.5	7.58	8.9
Tees	5.01	5.1	5.28	4.9
Walton-on-Naze	1.05	3.9	1.19	3.5

Times are GMT. Heights in metres.

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.05 am
Sun sets: 9.08 pm
Moon sets: 10.02 pm
Moon rises: 8.07 am

London 9.08 pm to 5.05 am
Bristol 9.17 pm to 5.16 am
Edinburgh 9.44 pm to 4.55 am
Manchester 9.26 pm to 5.05 am
Penzance 9.23 pm to 5.34 am

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THURSDAY JULY 18 1996

News Corp buys US television group for $2.5bn

By Eric Reguly

THE News Corporation, the parent company of *The Times*, embarked on its biggest expansion in the television market yesterday with the purchase of New World Communications Group, of Georgia, for $2.5 billion. New World's TV stations will be combined with Fox Broadcasting, creating America's largest TV company by household coverage.

The acquisition came the day after News Corp learned that its effort to buy MGM/UA, the Hollywood studio, had failed. The New World purchase, however, came as little surprise because News Corp already owned 20 per cent and was widely expected to buy the rest.

New World, which was controlled by Ronald Perelman, the New York multimillionaire best known as the owner of the Revlon cosmetics group, comprises 12 TV stations. Two of them, in San Diego and in Birmingham, Alabama, are to be sold to the NBC network for $425 million, leaving stations in Atlanta, Dallas, Phoenix, Detroit, Cleveland, Tampa, St Louis, Kansas City, Milwaukee and Austin.

New World also produces and distributes syndicated TV programmes, owns 37.5 per cent of Guthy-Renker, an "infomercial" production company, and 50 per cent of Premiere, the film and entertainment magazine.

When the New World purchase is completed in January, the Fox company will own 22 stations which will reach 34.5 per cent of American households. This will put it just under the 35 per cent limit imposed by the Federal Communications Commission.

Rupert Murdoch, the chairman and chief executive of News Corp, said: "This acquisition continues the momentum towards our goal to become the leading over-the-air free broadcast television network in the United States, and underscores our commitment to play a major role in the industry for decades to come."

News Corp is issuing 1.45 News Corp limited voting, preferred American Depository Receipts for each Class A and Class B New World common share, which were valued at $27 apiece on July 16. After the deal is completed, News Corp will issue about 117 million new preferred shares, each representing four ordinary shares.

Steven Barlow, an analyst in New York with Smith Barney, said that New World shareholders would end up holding some 13 per cent of the News Corp equity. News Corp has told analysts that the purchase will be earnings neutral in the first year and will start contributing to profits in the second. The New World stations generally have lower profit margins than Fox's, which leaves room for improvement through cost cutting.

The New World acquisition is News Corp's largest television deal. In the 1980s, News Corp paid $3 billion for *TV Guide* magazine.

☐ Time Warner, the media and entertainment group, yesterday agreed in principle to proceed with its $7.5 billion merger with Turner Broadcasting, the TV network that operates the CNN news channel.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3658.2	(+26.9)
Yield	4.15%	
FT-SE A All share	1818.05	(+9.87)
Nikkei	21412.88	(+6.53)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5375.40	(+16.64)*
S&P Composite	631.93	(+3.56)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 5/16%*	(5%)
Long Bond	97 1/4*	(97 3/32)
Yield	7.02%*	(7.03%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	5 9/16%	(5 9/32%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	106 7/16	(106 5/16)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5438*	(1.5584)
London:		
$	1.5485	(1.5578)
DM	2.3023	(2.3342)
FFr	7.7977	(7.8744)
SFr	1.8805	(1.9046)
Yen	168.40	(170.18)
£ Index	84.8	(85.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4845*	(1.4855)
FFr	5.0333*	(5.0285)
SFr	1.2120*	(1.2177)
Yen	108.65*	(109.45)
$ Index	98.4	(98.8)

Tokyo close Yen 109.46

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Oct)	$19.20	(n/a)

GOLD

London close	$383.35	($385.45)

* denotes midday trading price

Jobless figure at lowest since 1991

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Government yesterday welcomed what it claimed were further improvements in Britain's labour market, even though underlying unemployment appears to be rising and the number of jobs declining.

But new figures on average earnings growth and productivity prompted City speculation that pay awards are now beginning to reflect falling inflation.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said yesterday that a 14,300 fall in claimant unemployment to its lowest level since 1991 showed clearly that "the UK is into its fourth year of good news on jobs."

Seasonally adjusted unemployment in June fell to 2,152,000, or 7.7 per cent of the workforce, down 161,100 on a year ago.

Taking into account some special factors, including a small number of BSE-related job losses, Whitehall statisticians suggested that this indicated a downward monthly trend of about 10,000-15,000 — slightly higher than their estimates last month.

Claimant unemployment fell in all regions except Scotland, and although it fell by 14,900 among men, female unemployment rose by 600 to 519,400. Total unadjusted unemployment fell by 51,037 to 2,096,326.

At the same time, separate figures from the Government's household-based quarterly Labour Force Survey showed that unemployment on an internationally accepted definition increased in the three months to May by 11,000 — again with a rise among women, and a fall among men.

LFS figures also showed the total number of jobs falling — down by 34,000 to 25.7 million, and new figures for manufacturing employment in May showed a 7,000 fall. The number of new job vacancies at JobCentres was also down to its lowest level for six months.

Ministers insisted job prospects remained good. Eric Forth, Employment and Education Minister, said that taken together, the figures were "not inconsistent with the general downward trend of claimant unemployment". But Labour said that the LFS figures showed the claimant count was now hiding the scale of "real" unemployment. Michael Meacher, Shadow Employment Secretary, said: "The claimant unemployment figures mask the reality of an economic slowdown, and a growing crisis in the labour market."

For the unions, John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, said the fall in unemployment, while welcome, did not come from strong job creation.

Whitehall officials maintained that the jobs evidence suggested further labour market improvement, but accepted that the signs were "mixed."

But there was unequivocally good economic news on earnings. Average earnings growth across the economy fell back a quarter point to an underlying rate of increase of 3.5 per cent. City economists suggested that this indicated that pay settlements, after showing signs of creeping upwards, were now finally adjusting to falling price inflation.

Average earnings growth in production industries, and, after revision, manufacturing both showed quarter-point falls, to 4 per cent. Both figures are at their lowest level since statisticians began compiling the series in 1980. Service sector earnings growth also fell back by a quarter point to 3.25 per cent.

Growth in unit labour costs also eased, from 3.7 per cent for the three months ending in April to 3.2 per cent for the three months ending in May. Productivity also improved, rising from 0.7 per cent in the three months ending in April to 1 per cent in May.

Further upset for sterling

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

THE pound continued to be dragged down by the dollar's woes yesterday as jitters on Wall Street rippled into foreign exchanges.

Sterling, which lost three pfennigs against the mark on Tuesday, fell another two yesterday. The mark and Swiss franc have been the main beneficiaries of the dollar's slide. Sterling's trade-weighted index closed at 84.8 against Tuesday's 85.5.

European stock markets rebounded on Wall Street's swing back into positive territory having been 160 points lower. The Dow Jones industrial average was resilient at about 30 points higher when the London market closed. The FT-SE 100 closed 25.9 up at 3,658.2 after Tuesday's 66 fall.

American shares were given a fillip by a strong earnings report from Intel that cheered the battered hi-tech sector. The markets' next hurdle is today's Humphrey Hawkins testimony to Congress by Alan Greenspan, US Federal Reserve chairman.

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SIMON WALKER

Eddie George yesterday at the topping out of 1 Poultry opposite the Bank of England

George opposed rates cut

By Our Economics Correspondent

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, cut base rates last month against the advice of Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, according to the minutes of the June 5 monetary meeting published yesterday.

Mr George recommended that rates be left unchanged at 6 per cent, but the Chancellor reduced them by a quarter point to 5.75 per cent, arguing that the move was small enough not to cause any inflationary risk but could help to reduce the danger of the economy slowing.

Geoffrey Dicks, of NatWest Markets, said: "We are back in the 'trust me' mode of economic policy-making."

The Governor argued that, if rates were cut now in order to try to guard against short-term risks to activity that then failed to materialise, this would simply serve to exacerbate potential inflationary pressure.

Mr George did not exclude the possibility of a need for a further cut in rates if there was clear evidence that the economy was slowing significantly over the next few months. But, from the minutes and this week's testimony to the Treasury Select Commitee, he regards this as unlikely. The next monetary meeting is on July 30.

United Utilities pay plan opposed

By Jason Nisse

UNITED UTILITIES, the water and electricity company created by the takeover of Norweb by North West Water, is facing defeat over its plans to introduce a long-term incentive plan that could give directors nearly double their annual salaries.

The plan, to be voted on next week, is opposed by up to a dozen institutional investors, the Association of British Insurers and Pirc, the corporate governance consultancy with more than 50 institutional investors as clients.

Both the National Association of Pension Funds and the Manifest voting agency have indicated United's scheme may not comply with the Greenbury recommendations on executive pay.

If defeated, it will be the first time shareholders have blocked pay plans for so-called "fat cat" directors of privatised utilities.

United, which in April gave its directors large pay rises to reflect the increased size of the company, is planning to introduce a short-term scheme, which will pay up to 40 per cent of salary in bonus, and a longer-term plan. That plan will pay up to 87.5 per cent of salary in bonus if United outperforms the fiftieth best company in the FTSE-100 index.

However, investors have said this is overgenerous and chooses the wrong performance criteria. The Greenbury report says utilities should choose comparisons with other companies in their sector, not the market in general.

John Tetlow, United's company secretary, said he did not believe there was great opposition to the scheme. He said seven institutions had expressed concerns, United had dealt with six of them and was meeting with the seventh.

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Doubt over Costain rescue plan

By Oliver August

COSTAIN, the troubled construction company, was struggling yesterday to keep its £72.5 million rescue plan alive after a key investor rejected the deal and called for a three-month moratorium.

The company appealed to shareholders to vote for the cash injection from Intria, which will give the Malaysian company a 40 per cent stake, at an extraordinary meeting next Monday. But MA Kharafi & Sons, the Kuwaiti company that holds 19 per cent of Costain, said it would not approve the refinancing plan. Instead, it seeks a new rescue package for Costain.

Ahmed Samy, Kharafi's investment manager, said: "We are extremely unhappy with the proposals because they do not reflect the full value of the group and are not in the shareholders' best interests."

Alan Lovell, Costain's chief executive, has said that if shareholders rejected the plan he saw no alternative to administrative receivership.

SIB struck secret deal with Knight Williams

By Robert Miller

THE Securities and Investments Board, the City's top watchdog, is holding £1 million that should have been earmarked for compensation payments to elderly investors of Knight Williams, the controversial retirement income speciliast now in liquidation.

Under the terms of a secret deal between the SIB and Knight Williams, struck in April 1995, the money was part of the £15 million price paid by Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, to buy £400 million managed by KW. Under the terms of the deal, £5 million was handed over immediately in cash of which the SIB said that £2.8 million should be paid into KW & Co to meet possible compensation claims. The watchdog then allowed the balance to go to Knight Williams Portfolio Management, a separate company within the group that is still trading and is regulated by Imro, the watchdog for fund managers.

A further £6 million was paid in the form of a one-year Singer & Friedlander loan note which was cashed in on June 30. Of that sum the SIB's solicitors, Cameron Markby Hewitt now holds approximately £1 million and the remainder has been handed over to Knight Williams Portfolio Management.

Neil Micklethwaite, a senior partner at Dibb Lupton, the law firm acting for the Knight Williams investors action group, said: "That £1 million wasn't freely available for the purposes of meeting compensation claims immediately — it should have been. The SIB originally promised that Knight Williams assets would be ring-fenced and freely available to meet payments but this never materialised."

He added: "We believe that the total sale price should have been paid into the Knight Williams company now in liquidation as we believe the goodwill of the business was owned by that firm. The SIB should never have allowed the directors to have the money paid into a separate company that had nothing to do with the compensation claims and which until late 1994 did not employ any staff."

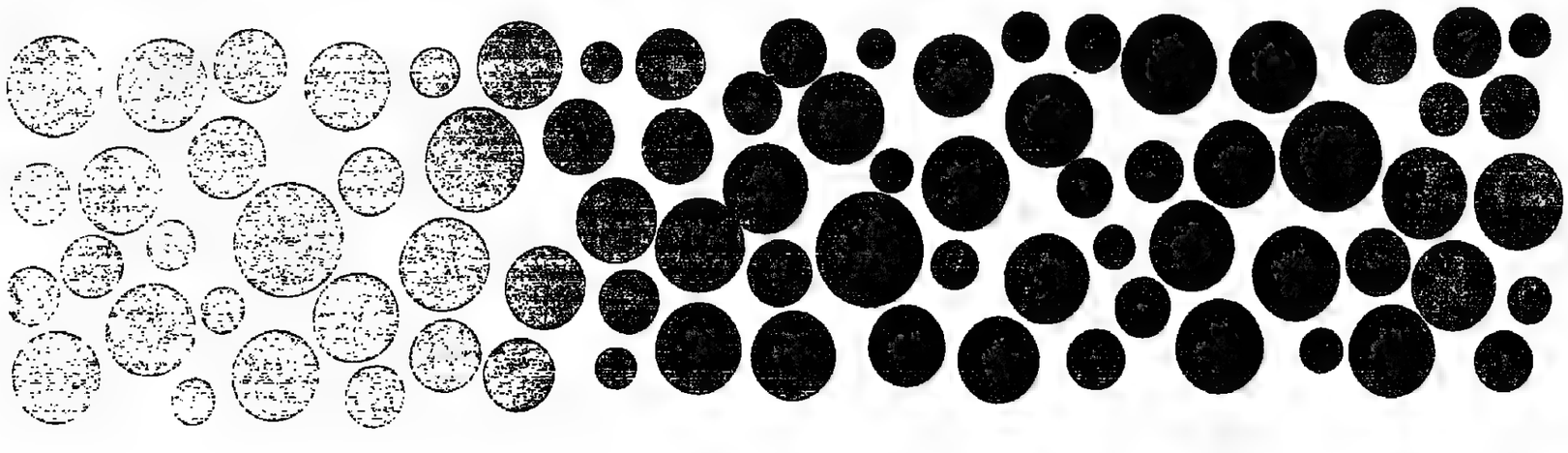
Mr Micklethwaite said the secret deal struck between the SIB and Knight Williams "was positively harmful to investors' interests."

On Tuesday the Investors Compensation Scheme, the ultimate safety net for investors who lose money through bad advice, theft or fraud, declared Knight Williams in default. This is a mechanism that now opens the way for up to 900 KW investors to file compensation claims that could total £7 million.

The SIB first intervened in the Knight Williams scandal in late 1994 after pressure from MPs and consumer bodies. By last summer the watchdog had established that at least 400 investors were due possible compensation payments of at least £2 million.

Kenneth Jordan, founder of the Knight Williams investors action group, said: "I fail to see on what moral or legal grounds that the SIB had any right to strike a secret deal and not involve us the victims."

The SIB declined to comment.



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TUC anger at delay for victims of mis-selling

By Robert Miller

HUNDREDS of thousands of victims who were mis-sold personal pensions are still waiting for compensation payments six months after the expiry of a deadline set by the City's watchdogs.

A new report, *Justice Delayed*, published today by the TUC, says that only 7,000 of a potential 1.5 million victims have been offered redress. The Personal Investment Authority, the watchdog charged with overseeing the personal pensions mis-selling review, had set a deadline of December 31 last year for life companies to review the most urgent cases.

The TUC says: "Many victims of potential mis-selling have not even been contacted by the companies or advisers that sold them their pensions in the first place." Describing the mis-selling as "one of the greatest financial scandals of all time" the TUC adds: "As many as 1.5 million people were wrongly persuaded to take out a personal pension when they would have been better off making alternative arrangements, usually through an employer's scheme or sticking with the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme."

The final mis-selling bill for compensation and costs is expected to cost the life and pensions industry up to £4 billion. Those life offices named in the TUC report include household names such as the Prudential, Abbey Life, Pearl, Legal & General and the TSB. Amounts set aside for possible compensation payments include £80.1 million by Lloyds Abbey Life, TSB's £126 million and Sun Life of Canada's £31.1 million.

The review has been plagued by a series of court challenges to the PIA's authority and jurisdiction, and the computer software needed to calculate compensation took longer than expected to perfect. Nevertheless, the watchdog yesterday acknowledged that the review timetable had slipped. A PIA spokesman added: "Those who fail to comply with the review face severe disciplinary action."

John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, says: "This report tells a shocking story. Despite the clear findings of all the regulatory bodies that compensation should be paid, many companies seem to be dragging their feet and have yet to even start the process of review.

"The Government has said little, and done less, to speed the process. This is possibly because it does not want to admit that it gave the whole process of mis-selling a kick-start with its bribes to opt out of Serps and other pension changes in the 1980s. Justice delayed is justice denied. Companies and regulators must now set a new and early deadline, and this time they must meet it."

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.07	1.91
Austria Sch	17.26	15.78
Belgium Fr	50.62	46.32
Canada $	2.240	2.090
Cyprus Cypt	0.7492	0.6942
Denmark Kr	9.49	8.69
Finland Mkk	7.62	6.97
France Fr	8.25	7.60
Germany Dm	2.467	2.257
Greece Dr	362	357
Hong Kong $	12.70	11.70
Iceland Isk	113	93
Ireland Pt	1.021	0.941
Israel Shk	5.35	4.70
Italy Lira	2475	2320
Japan Yen	184.40	168.40
Malta	0.597	0.542
Netherlds Gld	2.750	2.520
New Zealand $	2.41	2.19
Norway Kr	10.50	9.70
Portugal Esc	249.50	231.00
S Africa Rd	7.49	6.88
Spain Pta	202.50	186.50
Sweden Kr	10.95	10.15
Switzerland Fr	2.030	1.850
Turkey Lira	132616	124616
USA $	1.655	1.525

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

PETER TREVNOR

Nobo, the office equipment group whose chief executive is Roger Colvin, left, pictured with Jim Prower, the finance director, increased its pre-tax profits 8 per cent to 2.93 million in the year to 3 May. Earnings, diluted by new shares, fell to 13.3p per share from 15.23p last time. A 4p final dividend maintains the year total at 6.2p.

Weinberg criticises SE 'neglect'

By Robert Miller

THE LONDON Stock Exchange has been criticised for neglecting private investors in an independent report funded by the Stock Exchange itself.

The report, by the committee on private share ownership, headed by Sir Mark Weinberg, chairman of J Rothschild Assurance, noted "with approval" that market mechanisms were being developed to help more private clients to buy shares in company flotations after the rules on new issues were changed in favour of the big institutions last year.

Nevertheless, the report concludes: "It would have been better if the Stock Exchange had accompanied this rule change with a stronger signal confirming its wish to encourage the market to find ways to enable individuals to participate in new issues."

The committee, which included top City figures such as Peter Birch, chief executive of Abbey National, and Lord Stewartby, chairman of Throgmorton Trust, also calls on the Government to put the subject of personal finance on the national curriculum.

It also suggests that communications between companies and private shareholders could be improved by allowing firms to circulate summaries of complex documents such as merger details.

Gavin Oldham, chief executive of the Share Centre, the low-cost dealing service for private investors, welcomed the Weinberg report. However, he said: "We need changes to company law through primary legislation to make sure the shareholders in nominee accounts should be able to enjoy the same rights to company recognition, communication and perks as investors whose names are on the register."

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Woolwich seeks takeover targets

By Robert Miller

THE Woolwich is searching for potential takeover and merger targets when it sheds its mutual building society status next year to become a £3 billion bank.

John Stewart, the new chief executive of Britain's third-largest society, which yesterday reported a 29 per cent rise in half-year profits to £183 million, said the Woolwich would "make good use" of experience gained in previous mergers, takeovers and start-ups to grow "the core UK savings and loans business".

Market rumours persist that the Woolwich, which is protected from hostile bids for five years after it converts, is still a desirable target for the Prudential and the Royal Bank of Scotland. No formal approaches have been made, however, and if they had, the price tag would be likely to push up the value of the new Woolwich bank to £4 billion.

The cost of next year's proposed conversion has so far totalled £6.4 million, but this figure is expected to more than double by the time the Woolwich makes its stock market debut next year because of the bulk mailings of the transfer statements.

Total gross lending, including the residential mortgage assets acquired with the purchase of Midland Bank's French home loans book, rose 128 per cent to £2.9 billion, while net lending totalled £1.7 billion. Retail savings balances increased by £245 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

PIA to regulate sale of care policies

THE sale of long-term care policies is to be regulated in the same way as pensions and investment products, it was announced yesterday. The Personal Investment Authority (PIA) is planning to develop a "kitemark" for products of which it approves and will extend the legal contracts it already has with 4,000 member firms to cover long-term care policies.

The move was welcomed by the industry, which had expressed concern that without regulation, products might be inappropriately sold. It is anxious to avoid a repetition of pensions mis-selling fiasco, when thousands of people in occupational schemes were persuaded to transfer out to inappropriate personal pensions.

Underwriters face loss

BRITISH BIOTECH'S £143 million rights issue threatened to leave underwriters holding a large amount of stock. The shares continued to tumble as the deadline passed for shareholders to accept the offer. They opened higher and topped the rights price of £20.50, but lost momentum and closed at £19.63, down 67p. *Kleinwort Benson, the lead underwriter, said it would not reveal how much stock underwriters had been left with until today.* British Biotech has already received the £143 million.

Lloyd's offer resisted

THE offer from Lloyd's of London to cut the bills of American names by £40 million has been rejected by five US states, including Arizona and Utah. However, states representing more than 85 per cent of the market's 2,700 US names have accepted the offer. *In return for the £40 million sweetener the states have agreed not to obstruct American names from* accepting their share of Lloyd's £3.2 billion settlement offer.

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Single currency rejected

FOUR out of five British people do not want sterling to be replaced by a common European currency, according to Link, the British cash machine network. An overwhelming 80 per cent wanted to keep the pound, indicating that the pro-single currency stance of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is not shared by the consumer, Link said. *Half of those surveyed felt* that a single currency would lead to loss of national sovereignty. Only 7 per cent are actively pro the euro.

Swalec super-utility plan

HOMES across South Wales are set to get water, power and gas from the same "super-utility" for the first time. Swalec, the region's electricity company, announced plans to offer gas supplies to its 870,000 domestic customers, with hopes of cutting British Gas bills by between 15 and 20 per cent. The scheme will start from April 1998, when the gas market is opened to full competition. Swalec, part of Hyder, the super-utility group, also plans to sell gas service contracts.

BA switch to Gatwick

BRITISH AIRWAYS is to switch its Latin American services from Heathrow to Gatwick, creating 500 jobs. When the Latin American services are transferred to Gatwick, BA will operate to more than 100 destinations, with more than 1,000 *flights a week. BA will serve more US cities from Gatwick* than it does from Heathrow. In the year to March 31, BA carried 5.4 million passengers on its Gatwick services, up from 4.7 million in 1994.

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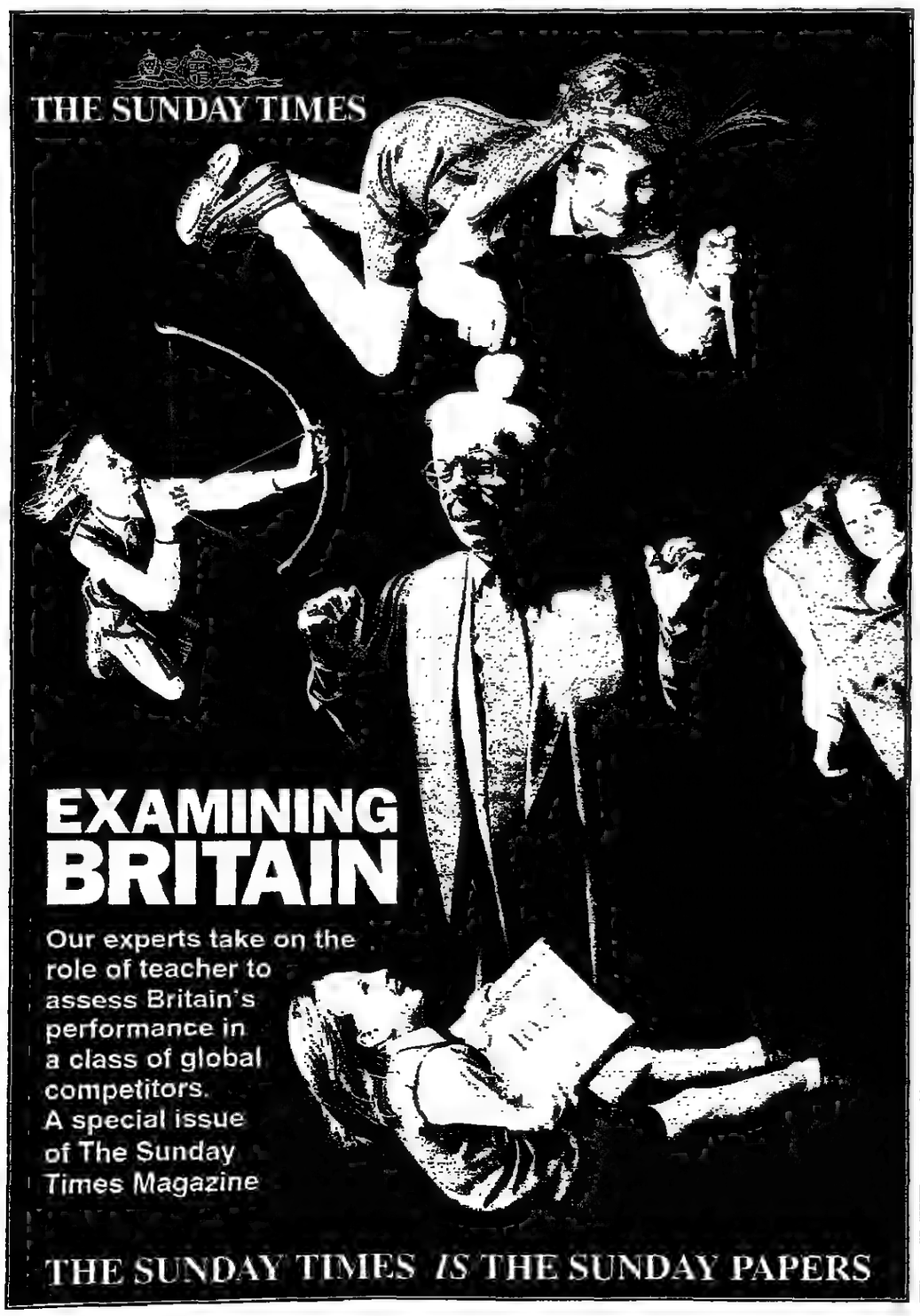

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GB CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP) NOTICE TO CREDITORS
A meeting of the creditors of GB Construction Services Limited is to be held at the Hilton National, Ainley Top, Huddersfield, HD3 3RH on 26 July 1996 at 11.15am under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and, if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.
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Roger Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver
9 July 1996

WESTGROVE SPECIAL PROJECTS LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP) NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The Insolvency Act 1986 CONNELLY LIMITED (In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington FCPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 10th July 1996.
M R DARRINGTON, Liquidator

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GB HOMES LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP) NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Joint Administrative Receiver
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ADVANCED PLANT SERVICES LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on 2nd August 1996 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 96, Subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Mr Stephen J Wainwright of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF JULY 1996
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
B PATEL, DIRECTOR

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Joint Administrative Receiver
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Joint Administrative Receiver
9 July 1996

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 No. 7439 of 1994 In the High Court of Justice In Bankruptcy
Arif Brzzade, unemployed formerly of Alva House, Barnet Road, Arkley, Hertfordshire EN5 3LF lately trading with another as Greenfields at 108 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire and at Liberty 2, Romford Essex and also "Codya" at 1 Head Street, Colchester, Essex all as a Restaurateur
I, Anthony Peter Supperstone, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA give notice that I was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above named on 10 June 1996. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to me for a claim form. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 8 July 1996.
A P Supperstone
Trustee

WESTGROVE CB LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP) NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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9 July 1996

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Roger Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver
9 July 1996

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM (AIM DISTRIBUTION LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP AND IN LIQUIDATION)
Principal Trading Address: The Longmead Business Centre, Frisland Road, Epsom, Surrey KT19 9QG
Company Number 643181
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 3 July 1996 J R D Smith and N J Durgan were appointed joint liquidators of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address under reference AXT/MJF
J R D Smith
Deloitte & Touche
PO Box 810
Hill House
1 Little New Street
London EC4A 3TR

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☐ Weinberg report short on firm measures ☐ ASB opens up hedging debate ☐ Well-founded revolt at United Utilities

Why companies can't stand Sid

☐ HOW unfortunate that Sir Mark Weinberg's Committee on Private Share Ownership should report on the week that the Government's latest attempt to widen and deepen the country's shareholder base has left 600,000 people worse off.

But the British Energy flop is relevant because it was the last gasp of a process that introduced millions of new investors to the stock market. The number of direct investors has now fallen by 1.5 million from 11 million in 1990, and that number will continue to fall in spite of occasional boosts from building society flotations and the like.

This will happen because many of those millions should never have been there in the first place, and they will gradually sell out of their handful of privatised stocks and slip away. Investors have traditionally come in two categories, the big City institutions and the "Aunt Agathas", wealthy individuals who at least understood the stock market and the companies they invested in. Privatisation brought in a third category, the Sids and super-Sids, many of whom never understood a thing, but were nursemaided into what looked like easy money.

The idea was that those Sids would get the investment bug and buy other stocks. There is little evidence that this happened, as the Weinberg Committee's conclusions seem to accept. So an unpalatable fact must now be faced. Private investors are regarded as a damned nuisance.

The Government does not care for them, even if they are a useful source of cash and a counterweight against the power of the City buyers, who can otherwise run rings around Whitehall when issues are being priced. If the issue flops, hundreds of thousands of Sids whinge: if it goes to a premium, ministers are accused of selling the asset too cheaply, but no investor remembers this in the polling booth.

Companies loathe them. Huge share registers are expensive to maintain, and then all they do is turn up once a year to ask damn-fool questions — the British Airways investor this week who worried about the safety of his electronic share certificate in the event of nuclear detonation was a classic. To the City institutions, they are an irrelevance, because all the real work takes place behind closed doors and so few bother to attend the annual meeting.

Given all this, it is little surprise that Weinberg, though long on data, came to few firm conclusions. There is the usual woolly talk about the Stock Exchange promoting the message and acting as catalyst for this, that and the other.

The most sensible suggestion would seem to be the need for clearer information for private shareholders. A caller to this column once said that the offer document he had been sent during a difficult takeover was so long, so convoluted and so technical that he was quite unable to understand any of the financial details.

He was a retired accountant.

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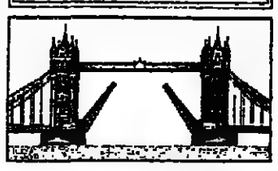

Sir David tangles with derivatives

☐ SIR David Tweedie is throwing the biggest stone into the accountancy pond since his Accounting Standards Board was set up. His discussion paper *Derivatives and Other Instruments*, out today, proposes valuing all company debt at current value rather than face value in balance sheets, and could result in companies being unable, in accounting terms, to avoid market risk by hedging.

Complex swaps, options and forward contracts have brought so many nasty surprises that derivatives have become one of those things about which Something Must Be Done. Users of financial derivatives, unlike banks that issue them, often need reveal nothing in their accounts and give no more than an anodyne, self-deluding explanation of policy. Yet these transactions can bring ruin as well as healthy annual treasury profits.

Most will welcome the board's first aim: to drive swiftly for disclosure of numbers, plus an explanation of the risks a company is exposed to. The trouble starts with the second aim: to devise a consistent method of accounting for derivatives contracts. This quest has tempted the board into radical thoughts and Sir David expects flak.

Big Six accountants and even finance directors want to be supportive. They are being stuck with inconvenient international rules on tax, because the UK was too preoccupied to get in the debate early. This time they want the ASB to take a lead.

The board has argued the issues through rigorously. But if its purer thoughts gain sway, the derivatives tail will wag the accounting dog as strongly as Liffe wags the Stock Exchange.

Once you start marking derivatives contracts to market values to show running gains or losses, it is hard to stop without spawning anomalies. So even debentures would go in balance sheets at market prices, challenging the essence of historic cost accounts.

Sadly, the board's logic would not paint a true picture to users, especially when credit ratings change. Nor would it achieve the consistency the board aims for here, but rejected for goodwill. It would surely discourage the cautious, and encourage nifty use of intermediaries. This argument will outlast the century.

An incentive too far

☐ THE shareholder revolt over United Utilities' long-term incentive plan, or L-Tip, looks like it could be the first defeat for an over-generous management. One can only hope so.

Up to now, boards have been able to push through remuneration packages with the odd minor amendment secure in the knowledge that few institutions, when it comes to the vote at the annual meeting, were prepared to stand their ground.

The United Megalomania package is objectionable on a number of grounds. First, there is the increase in salaries handed out to compensate executives for the strain of taking over Norweb, a process they rushed into of their own free will. Secondly, long-term pay awards are heavily tied to earnings per share and the share price. This all sounds perfectly acceptable, except that the company has already made great play of the huge cost savings available from the takeover, which can only inflate those earnings.

Meanwhile, the strong cash flow that such a utility enjoys can be ploughed back into dividends, so pushing up the share price. This point, that utilities stand in a special position, is accepted by the Greenbury committee itself, which recommends that they use comparisons with each other rather than with the market as a whole. A point overlooked, it seems, by the United Megalomania board.

Bitter Teares

☐ SWINGS and roundabouts: Rank shares were rising on the stock market yesterday. An analyst's tip raised the hope that this stodgy leisure conglomerate might begin to motor as a more focused business under the guidance of its dynamic new chief executive, Andrew Teare. English China Clays were tumbling, though. As explained in today's *Tempus* column, it seems the refocusing of what was once regarded as a stodgy materials conglomerate might not have been as successful as hoped. That refocusing was carried out by the dynamic former chief executive, one Andrew Teare.

Weak demand prompts ECC strategic review

By Paul Durman

ENGLISH CHINA CLAYS is suffering severe falls in sales and has set about an "intensive review" of its strategy, it said yesterday.

The company, which supplies kaolin and calcium carbonate coatings to the papermaking industry, has been badly hit by weak demand brought on by customers running down their stocks.

Sales volumes during the first half of the year at ECCI Europe, the European arm of the mineral business, were down 16 per cent, compared with 1995. ECCI AmPac, covering the Americas and the Pacific, suffered an 11 per cent fall in sales volumes, once a recent acquisition is excluded. Manufacturing problems in America mean that AmPac may report a proportionately larger fall in profits.

Patrick Drayton, finance director, said English China Clays will set out the conclusions of its strategic review in September, when it reports its interim results. Mr Drayton said the company began rethinking its strategy shortly after Dennis Rediker took over from Andrew Teare as chief executive in January.

Last year, Mr Teare declared that English China Clays's five years of restructuring was at an end and said that the company was set to move onto a more aggressive growth path. Yet the last nine months have exposed the extent of the company's vulnerability to a downturn in the paper industry.

Analysts believe a key focus of Mr Rediker's review will be Calgon, the poorly performing speciality chemicals business bought three years ago. English China Clays yesterday reported a 3 per cent rise in chemical sales, but it is facing a squeeze on profit margins, particularly in its main water treatment markets.

English China Clays said falling sales had hit cashflow, and net debt had risen to £213 million, from £189 million at the end of 1995.

Colin Porter, an analyst at Albert E Sharp, is cutting his profit forecast for this year from £77 million to about £70 million. Last year English China Clays made £95.1 million.

The shares slipped 11p to close at 243p, their lowest this year.

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Prices of top homes 'set to rise by 7.2%'

SAVILLS, the estate agent, has forecast a 7.2 per cent rise in the price of prime residential properties in 1996 (Martin Barrow writes).

The company said yesterday that increased confidence in the residential market, which had resulted in prime London property prices rising by about 44 per cent since December 1992, has continued to ripple out to the country house market.

Richard Jewson, chairman, said: "Trading started well in the first part of the current financial year and prospects look better than for some considerable time."

In the year to the end of April, the company lifted profits before tax to £4.1 million from £3.5 million. Earnings improved to 6.7p a share from 5.6p. Total dividend is lifted to 2.8p a share (2.5p), with a 2.05p final.

Iceland profit warning as sales melt away

By Sarah Bagnall

SHARES of Iceland yesterday fell 24p, to 118p, a six-year low, after the frozen food retailer issued a surprise profit warning.

The retailer, where Malcolm Walker is chairman and chief executive, blamed falling sales and margins for an expected 10 per cent drop in interim profits from last year's £33.6 million. The retailer added that the bad news was unlikely to be contained to the first half as the group's extensive refurbishment programme would hit second-half sales. "In consequence, it is likely that profits for the full year will be below those reported for 1995," the company said in a statement. The company intends to stick to its progressive dividend policy.

The warning prompted analysts to cut their profit forecasts by up to £10 million and renewed concerns over the group's future. Philip Dorgan, an analyst at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, said: "Market fears over whether Iceland has a viable position in the market place appear to have come true." Iceland is the only frozen food retailer in Britain, a position that many analysts believe is untenable given that it offers shoppers little that is not available from the main supermarkets. Attempts to diversify into fresh foods appear to have failed to deliver the intended uplift in sales.

Walker: upgrading stores

In a recent move aimed at combating the decline in sales, Iceland launched a Pricewatch initiative, designed to sharpen its pricing position. It said it was confident that this would produce long-term benefits but in the short term had hit buying margins.

Iceland is spending £25 million upgrading its stores, a process that involves the temporary closure of about 150 stores. The adverse impact this has on sales will be particularly felt in the second half, the company said.

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Stork buys Fokker Aviation

By Oliver August

STORK, the Dutch engineering group, has bought Fokker Aviation for £120 million.

Fokker Aviation, part of Fokker, the bankrupt aircraft manufacturer, consists of the services, technical support, maintenance and repair and spare parts devisions catering for a fleet of 1,200 Fokker aircraft. Fokker's manufacturing division is not included in the takeover. Yakovlev, the Russian aircraft design company, is frontrunner to take over the manufacturing business.

Stork said it expects the takeover to boost its annual turnover 12 per cent to £2 billion.

The Fokker bankruptcy earlier this year caused the loss of 5,600 jobs. The future of a further 2,300 depends on the sale of parts of the business.

Despite receiving millions of pounds in state aid in recent years, Fokker consistently traded at a loss and suffered a record £250 million deficit in the first half of last year. The company's death knell sounded last January, when majority shareholder Daimler-Benz refused to inject more money.

David S Smith 'cautious'

Peter Williams and finance director David Buttfield

By Paul Durman

DAVID S Smith, the UK's biggest reprocessor of waste paper, expects its profits to fall this year because of the difficulties faced by its papermaking business.

Although the company overcame volatile prices and destocking by customers to report record profits and sales for its most-recent financial year, it warned it is "cautious" about the year ahead.

It believes that the progress it expects to make in its packaging and office products businesses may be outweighed by the adverse impact of weak paper markets.

In the year to April 27, David S Smith made pre-tax profits of £124.6 million, a 25 per cent increase. Sales rose by 20 per cent to £1,236 million.

The packaging and paper arm increased operating profits from £86.9 million to £110.5 million, while the office paper business moved ahead from £23.8 million to £26.2 million.

Peter Williams, chief executive, said this year had begun well. Most analysts expect only a small fall in group profits, to about £120 million.

A final dividend of 5.05p increases the total payout to 7.5p a share, a 15.4 per cent increase. Earnings rose 20 per cent to 30.3p a share.

Borrowings fell £2.8 million to £123 million cutting gearing from 32 to 27 per cent.

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US slimmers to give Medeva fat profits

By Eric Reguly

FOR Medeva, the future is fat. The pharmaceuticals company reported yesterday that Ionamin, its new "slimming" drug, has become the fastest growing product in its international portfolio and is expected to capture a large slice of the American diet-control market.

Bill Bogie, Medeva's chief executive, said: "About 30 million Americans are severely fat. The market for slimming drugs is taking off."

Ionamin was acquired recently when Medeva purchased Rochester, the American business of France's Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, for $400 million. The drug is aimed at those who are 30 per cent or more above normal weight and works by inceasing the patient's metabolic rates. Ionamin sales almost tripled to $26 million in 1995.

Medeva, which has made £300 million in acquisitions since the collapse of its merger talks with Fisons last year, reported pre-tax profits of £33.9 million (£28.9 million), or 7.2p per share, in the half year to June 30. Sales rose 11 per cent to £129.1 million. The interim dividend rises 18 per cent to 1.65p. The results, in spite of a downturn in its hospital and respiratory products divisions, were slightly higher than forecast. The shares rose 7p to 234p.

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Sema buys Syntax to take on Europe

By Fraser Nelson

SEMA, the Anglo-French IT services group, is to buy Olivetti's outsourcing subsidiary for £55 million, as part of an agreement on joint marketing strategies in Europe.

Sema is funding its acquisition of Syntax Processing, Olivetti's in-house software support company, with a £99.1 million rights issue, offering up to 17 million shares at 595p each.

Frank Jones, Sema's executive vice-president, said that although no formal agreement had been signed with Olivetti, the two had agreed to co-operate by sharing contacts and market information throughout Europe. "We overlap on very few areas," he said. "Olivetti mainly deals with hardware maintenance and Sema specialises in software services. It makes sense to develop a closer working relationship."

Olivetti has sold Syntax as part of its diversification programme. It has maintained a six-year contract with the group, which generated sales of £55.8 million in 1995. During that year, Syntax's group sales were £89 million and it made a profit of £6.3 million profit before tax and exceptional items. Its French and Belgian subsidiaries will provide a presence in every West European country.

Sema's shares closed up 14p at a new high of 705p.

STOCK MARKET KAREN ZAGOR

Dow's rebound helps shares to recover

SIGHS of relief could be heard around the City as Wall Street's recovery rubbed off on shares. The FT-SE 100 started clawing back losses shortly after the start of trade and by midday the index had broken through the 3,650 barrier. After Wall Street's upbeat start the FT-SE moved even higher, adding 36.5 points before slipping a little to close up 25.9 points at 3,658.2.

The consistent gains, however, belie the fact that trading was thin as the UK held its breath to see what Wall Street had in store for the rest of the week. "Tomorrow we'll probably see more sideways movement," said one broker. "We're all hanging fire until Alan Greenspan [chairman of the US Federal Reserve] testifies before Congress. Wall Street will move violently on that."

One of the biggest gains on the day was posted by **Wolseley**, which jumped 18p to 439p after a broker described the stock as a quality buy and indicated that the recent markdown had been overdone. **BAT** also gained on positive comments, adding 13p to 498p.

Medeva, the acquisitive pharmaceuticals group, surprised the market with its mid-year pre-tax profits of £33.9 million, above the £33 million it had forecast. The news helped shares in the company to advance 7p to 234p. The improvement also reflected a positive response to the company's recent acquisition of the Rochester, New York, operations of Fisons.

David S Smith, the paper and packaging company, initially impressed traders by reporting record profits from its two main businesses during a time of very tough market conditions. Shares firmed on the results, rising to 307p before falling back to close at 293p, down 2p on the day.

Orange, the cellular telephone company, bounced back from its previous day's losses, with a gain of 6p to 188.5p. **Vodafone**, which had also been hit by negative sentiment about the sector a day earlier, edged ½p higher to 219p.

Generally, it was a good day for the telecomunicatons sectors. **Nynex CableComms** ended ½p lower at 98.5p per after initially moving higher on the back of a strong second-quarter performance. . **BT** firmed 4p to 356.5p ahead of its annual meeting today.

John Rudgard, of HP Bulmer, celebrated a rise

Power issues also fared well. The market applauded **ScottishPower's** move to halve the size of its rights issue by marking the shares 9p higher at 316p. **British Energy** may have also dragged itself off the ground, its shares closing at 94.5p, an improvement on the previous day's close of 91p though still disappointingly below its offer price of 100p in their partly paid form. **East Midlands Electricity** eased 4p to 549p after announcing that it would cut the price of electricity by 5 per cent a unit. **National Power** advanced 4p to 384p.

The company said it will elevate Rober Witcomb from planning director to group finance and planning director later this summer.

John Rudgard, the chief executive of **HP Bulmer**, the cider producer, celebrated a 10 per cent increase in full-year profits with a 3p rise in the shares to 389p.

ECC, formerly English China Clays, tumbled 11p to a new low for the year of 243p after warning investors that cash flow from operating activities had fallen at a time of higher capital spending and that trading margins were lower in all its divisions.

Railtrack, which will find out tonight whether it has sufficient market capitalisation to join the FT-SE 100 after the vacancy created by the marriage of Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance, added ½p to 209.5p, consolidating its position as the leading candidate. Other contenders include **Lucas Industries**, down 1p to 211p and **Hays**, down 2p to 450p.

In the food retail sector, **J Sainsbury** received a boost on reports that Warburg had pegged recommended the share as a suitable buy thanks to its new loyalty card and its diverse base, including the DIY chain which has been spared the troubles of the core supermarket business. The stock rose 2p to 365p. Rival **Tesco** added 6p to 284p. Traders cooled on **Iceland** after the food retailer gave warning that its interim pre-tax profits would fall about 10 per cent from last year's £33.6 million. The company blamed the short-term impact of its Pricewatch campaign for hurting margins, but said it still expects the programme to yield long-term gains. The and the shares in Iceland slid 24p to 118p to their its lowest level in two years.

Britannic Assurance climbed 14p to 767p after the life company revealed an 11.4 per cent increase in total new regular premiums and a 36.9 per cent rise in single premiums for the half-year. Others in the sector moved ahead, encouraged by an "add" recommendation from NatWest. NatWest's favoured companies are **Legal & General**, 5p firmer at 687p, and Britannic. It pointed out that most stocks in the sector are a "little undervalued".

Among the bigger issues, **Hanson** hit a new low for the year of 157.5p in absence of fresh demerger news and **Rank** advanced 13p to 478p on broker recommendations.

For a brief moment, it seemed that **British Biotech** had recovered from its recent blight ahead of the closing of its rights issue after the shares rose significantly higher than their offer price of £20.50, but by late afternoon, however, there was no sign of the bulls and the shares closed at £19.63, down from £20.30 a day earlier and significantly below the £35 record set in May.

The woes at British Biotech, where underwriters have been left with stock on their hands, has taken the wind out of the new issues market. **Hat Pin**, the advertising headhunter, is one of the few new issues of the week.

The shares, which were placed at 68p, began their first day of AIM dealing at a 3p discount. The company plans to use the funds raisd through the placement to expand its core business overseas, as well as increasing new divisions.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Help was at hand from the start by a continuing rise in the German bund market and the gains were underpinned by a fall in average earnings, coupled with a decline in unit wage costs. Given all the good news, brokers were disappointed that the September series of the long gilt advanced only four ticks to £106$^{7}/_{16}$. Volume in the futures pit fell back to average summer levels of 35,000 after unusually heavy volume on Tuesday. Gilts, like equities, are now marking time ahead of Greenspan's testimony. The Treasury 3 per cent 2000 added £$^{1}/_{16}$ to £103$^{1}/_{8}$ while at the longer end the Treasury 8 per cent 2015 advanced £$^{1}/_{8}$ to £97$^{3}/_{4}$.

☐ NEW YORK: Optimism returned to Wall Street, with a positive earnings report from Bellwether Intel Corp sparking renewed interest in shares. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was 16.64 points higher at 5,375.40.

Speculation that a bidder was about to step forward for Rainford, the telecoms components group, prompted a jump in the shares to 295p, up 67p. "No names were mentioned but the company said it was in bid talks and its figures are due on Friday, so there may be an announcement then." said one broker.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	5375.40 (+16.64)
S&P Composite	631.93 (+3.56)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	21412.88 (+6.53)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10609.10 (-18.88)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	527.11 (-1.16)
Sydney:	
AO	2096.10 (-4.50)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2497.19 (+27.40)
Singapore:	
Straits	2204.03 (+24.58)
Brussels:	
General	9182.95 (+0.12)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1995.11 (+5.60)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	772.80 (-4.20)
London:	
FT 30	2678.7 (+9.9)
FT 100	3658.2 (+25.9)
FT-SE Mid 250	4207.4 (+6.4)
FT-SE-A 350	1836.2 (+10.7)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1624.61 (-0.16)
FT A All-Share	1818.05 (+9.87)
FT Non Financials	1931.3 (+11.08)
FT Fixed Interest	112.48 (-0.13)
FT Govt Secs	92.81 (+0.19)
Bargains	30180
SEAQ Volume	601.3m
USM (Datastrm)	203.85 (-0.38)
US$	1.5486 (-0.0089)
German Mark	2.3012 (-0.0226)
Exchange Index	84.8 (-0.7)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2113
£:SDR	1.0732
RPI	153.0 Jun (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.6 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AFA Systems	133	...
Alumax	1921½	+ 03½
BATM Advd Cms	127	...
Belhaven Brewery	199	+ 2
British Energy (100)	94½	+ 3½
Central Mtr Auct (34)	92	...
Circle Comms	175	+ 2
Cirqual	135	...
Concurrent Techn	19	...
Drings of Bath	4	...
Electronic Retailing	148	...
Fayrewood	45	+ 3
Hat Pin	65	...
Independent Brit Hl	78	...
Lotteryking	4	...
Lotteryking Wts	1½	...
NECA	18	...
Pace Micro Tec (172)	179	+ 2
Pordum Foods	3¼	...
Pordum Foods Wts	1½	...
Sun Life & Prov	221	...
Vocalis Group (95)	100	+ 1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allen n/p (250)	1½	...
Cowie n/p (355)	20	+ ½
Dixon Mtrs n/p (220)	41	...
Doeflex n/p (230)	30	...
Greene Kng n/p (545)	42	- 2
Kays Food n/p (2)	½	...
Mackie Intl n/p (275)	¼	...
Orbis n/p (40)	4	...
Partco n/p (245)	42	- 3
Syndct Cap n/p (110)	2	...
Tinsley Rbr n/p (130)	1½	- ½
TransTec n/p (103)	13	- 1
Tullow Oil n/p (80)	8½	+ 2
Vardy n/p (300)	11	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Rainford	295p (+67p)
Shield Diag	129p (+14p)
Innovations	195p (+15p)
Ashtead	166p (+10p)
Parity	255p (+14p)
FALLS:	
Iceland Group	118p (-24p)
Eng China Clay	243p (-11p)
Misel	369p (-16p)
Henlys	605p (-23p)

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TEMPUS

Overdose of Kaolin

YEARS of restructuring have done little for English China Clays. A management dedicated to "focus" pared down ECC into a minerals business servicing the paper industry. The consequence has been linkage to a volatile manufacturing cycle. Buffeted by a sudden bout of destocking at paper merchants, ECC has lost almost a third of its market value since February while the dividend yield has reached 8.5 per cent. Ordinarily, investors might expect a recovery but there is a risk of a dividend cut and yesterday's cursory trading update gave no sign that the management has a clue how to solve the company's problems.

Paper merchants built up stocks last year in a frantic bid to beat price rises only to reverse the process this year, holding back on purchases as prices fell. The destocking hit ECC's minerals business which supplies kaolin to paper mills. But the problem is likely to worsen as kaolin capacity in Brazil is in rapid expansion with three new producers contributing to 9 per cent of world output.

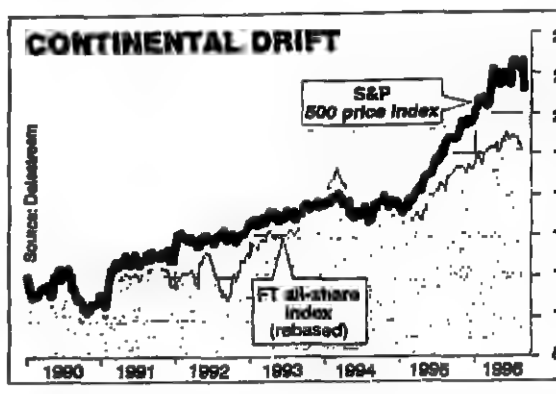
The result will be a sharp decline in pre-tax profits: some reckon as little as £54 million for the year, not enough to pay tax and the £51 million cost of the ordinary dividend. Meanwhile, cash flow is becoming an issue; with volumes falling, the company could suffer an expensive stock build-up while paying for its hefty investment programme. In the circumstances, a sale of the disastrous speciality chemicals looks almost certain — costing more than £200 million, it generated only £10 million in profit last year. When mulling over that episode, ECC's directors should consider maintaining the dividend. Shareholders might feel happier with the cash in their pockets.

Markets

WHAT the UK stock market needs more than anything is a band of Ameroesceptics. Temperamentally in tune with their Eurosceptic brethren, the anti-Wall Street brigade would rail against the pernicious influence of overpaid New York fund managers on the London market.

They might have had a calming effect on a market driven to despair this week by suggestions that the high earnings growth of US technology stocks had come to an end, or at least flattened. This fear caused panic selling of US computer and other high-technology companies and quickly found its way across the Atlantic and caused a slide in the FT-SE 100.

No one bothered to ask which FT-SE 100 companies would be seriously blighted by weaker demand for personal computers. The UK's most prominent technology-based company, British Biotech, is suffering a setback but even at £1.3 billion, it represents a tiny fraction of the quoted sector. The irony is that the outlook for UK shares is looking a bit better. Earnings growth forecasts have risen to more than 9 per cent while the ratio of cash to equity yields has fallen and there is the prospect of another decline in short term rates. Meanwhile, institutions are bloated with cash from buy-backs and special dividends. Pension fund cash balances are as high as they have been since 1990 when interest rates were in double digits. The funds must reinvest soon.



Medeva

MEDEVA looks like a sitting duck. Since it fell out of the spotlight last year after its failure to merge with rival Fisons, gossips continue to label it a takeover or merger candidate. Much of the speculation has been fuelled by the company's deal-hungry American shareholders, who own more than a third of the equity, but there are compelling reasons why it may soon lose it independence.

A second-tier pharmaceuticals company, Medeva is unusual in that it conducts no research. It acquires drugs that are either on the market or in the late stage of development, and uses its global infrastructure to distribute them as broadly as possible. Not burdened with research and development expenses, the company has strong earnings and, more importantly, generates a torrent of cash. Operating cashflow in the first half was £40 million on sales of £129 million.

Medeva, in other words, would be a prize for any international pharmaceuticals company burdened with heavy research and development expenses and, with a price/earnings ratio of 13.5, is not expensive. Another reason for Medeva to abandon quickly its bachelor status is that management knows that the current strategy has its limitations. Sooner or later, Medeva will have to patent its own drugs. The only question left is the choice of merger candidate.

Iceland

ICELAND's shares felt the chill wind of yesterday's profit warning but the full blast of the cold front was more acutely felt by rival retailer Somerfield.

Somerfield is trying to float, a task that is proving far from easy, partly due to the company's weak track record and opportunities, but also due to some unhelpful news. Stock market gyrations together with speculation, now receding, of a Tesco rights issue have hardly helped matters. Then, yesterday, Iceland provided the *coup de grace* by issuing a profit warning.

The problem for Somerfield is that the City has been valuing its shares using Iceland and Kwik Save as comparators. To tempt investors Somerfield deliberately set the pricing range of the flotation at 180-190p, cheaper than Iceland, while delivering a higher dividend yield. Even before yesterday's news, the Somerfield price was considered excessive.

But after Iceland's share price slide yesterday, together with a commitment to stick to a progressive dividend policy, the yield advantage has been eroded. As a result, Somerfield is under severe pressure to reduce its price below 180p if it is to tempt institutional investors. If not, the flotation is likely to flop.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	985-980	Sep	1048-1046
Sep	1002-1000	Dec	1059-1054
Dec	1001-1000	Mar	1070-1064
Mar	1017-1016	May	1080-1070
May	1028-1027		
Jul	1039-1037		Volume: 4995

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1545-1533	Mar	1402-1400
Sep	1550-1549	May	1400-1385
Nov	1490-1478	Jul	1395-1380
Jan	1442-1440		Volume: 12998

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	337.1-34.7
Spot 362.8		Aug	335.1-32.0
Oct	349.4-49.2	Oct	324.1-19.0
Dec	343.0-42.8	Dec	324.1-16.0
Mar	339.4-37.7		Volume: 2244

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	115.85	74.71	99.27
(+/-)	-1.95	-13.07	-1.51
Eng/Wales	115.40	114.93	98.29
(+/-)	-5.73	+3.04	-1.58
(%)	+10.0	n/c	-6.0
Scotland	121.25	109.77	102.80
(+/-)	+4.33	-0.45	-2.12
(%)	+6.0	+34.0	+17.0

ICTS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.00	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.60	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Oct)	19.20	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	21.25	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	20.65	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	214 (-1)	215 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	184 (-1)	186 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	88 (n/c)	90 (n/c)
Naphtha	188 (-1)	190 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	178.25-78.50	Nov	173.50-73.75
Sep	175.00-75.25	Dec	173.50 SLR
Oct	174.25-74.50		Vol: 11148

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	19.62-19.63	Dec	18.40-16.44
Oct	19.15-19.18	Jan	18.10-15.15
Nov	18.80 SLR		Vol: 22273

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	111.15	Sep	104.00
Nov	113.30	Nov	106.50
Jan	115.35	Jan	108.40
Mar	117.20	Mar	110.40
May	119.35	May	112.00
Volume: 169		Volume: 34	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	95.0
Mar		110.0
Apr	140.1	139.8
		Volume: 91

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug 90.75-91.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 96	1112	1105	1105
Aug 96	1115	1106	1106
Sep 96	1139	1135	1137
Oct 96	1272	1225	1230
Vol: 340 lots			Open interest: 4622

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1950.0-1955.0	1976.0-1980.0	1797100
Lead ($/tonne)	760.00-767.00	774.00-776.50	278950
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	995.00-995.50	1012.5-1013.0	577225
Tin ($/tonne)	6195.0-6200.0	6235.0-6240.0	33650
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1433.0-1434.0	1469.0-1469.5	1695350
Nickel ($/tonne)	7067.0-7069.0	7210.0-7215.0	118090

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	420	7½	24½	31	0	11	20
(*427½)	460	0	9	13½	32½	39½	45
ASDA	110	5	8½	10½	0	4	6
(*115)	120	0	3½	6½	5	9½	11
Boots	550	8½	29½	37	0	13	21
(*558½)	600	0	7½	15	41½	44	49½
Br Airways	500	7½	28	36½	0	13	20
(*507½)	550	0	9	17	42½	44	49½
BP	550	42	50½	58½	0	6	11½
(*592½)	600	0	19	28½	7½	24	33
Br Steel	160	6	12½	15½	0	5	8
(*166)	180	0	3½	6½	14	16	19½
C & W	390	17	31	40	0	9	15½
(*407)	420	0	14½	24½	13	21½	30
CU	550	20	32	44	0	15	22
(*570)	600	0	10	23½	30	40½	81
ICI	750	44	53½	66½	0	13½	20½
(*794)	800	0	24	40½	6	35	42
Land Sec	600	10	28½	37½	0	11	18½
(*610)	650	0	8	14½	40	41½	46
M & S	460	8½	24	31½	0	10½	16
(*468½)	500	0	8½	13½	31½	34½	38
Nat West	600	20½	34½	50½	0	17½	26½
(*620½)	650	0	13	27½	29½	47½	54
Safeway plc	300	26	33½	39½	0	4½	8½
(*326)	330	0	14½	21½	4	15	21
Sainsbury	360	7	20	26½	0	8	14½
(*367)	390	0	6½	13	23	25½	31
Shell	900	24½	44	54	0	16½	23
(*924½)	950	0	17	29½	25½	43½	49½
Smkl Bch	650	29½	46	—	0	12	—
(*673½)	700	0	20½	—	19½	39½	—
Storehse	280	12½	21½	—	0	5½	—
(*292½)	300	0	10	—	7½	14½	—
Trafalgar	50	0	1	—	0	0½	—
(*50)	60	0	0	—	10	10	—
Zeneca	1350	39½	85½	110½	0	37½	54
(*1389½)	1400	0	58½	84	10½	61½	77½
Series		Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	460	40	45	55	4	11½	16
(*498)	500	11	21½	32½	20	28½	33½
Vodafone	200	21½	27½	29½	1	4½	7½
(*219)	220	7½	15½	18	7½	12½	15½
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	390	27½	36	42	3	9	15½
(*417)	420	8	19½	25½	15½	21	30
Ladbroke	180	7½	13½	18	6	12	15
(*180½)	200	1½	6	10½	20	25	27½
Utd Bisc	220	8	14	19	7	12	15½
(*220½)	240	1½	7	11½	30½	25½	27½

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	38	48½	54	0	4½	9
(*498)	500	0	20½	28½	2	16	24
Thames W	500	49½	60½	67	0	4	8
(*549½)	550	0	25½	34½	0½	17½	28
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	220	19½	23	26	1	4½	6½
(*237½)	240	6	11½	15½	6½	13½	16
Br Aero	900	56	70	96	6	27	29
(*944½)	950	23½	47	67½	22½	41	50½
Br Telcm	330	27	29	32	3	6½	10
(*355½)	360	5½	12½	17	15½	24½	32
Cadbury	480	40½	49	59	1½	9	13
(*512½)	500	12½	25	36	13	25	29½
Guinness	460	18	27	37	6	15	19
(*470½)	500	2½	9½	19½	31	39½	49½
GEC	300	12½	23	29½	6½	12	15½
(*305)	330	2½	9½	15½	25½	29	32
Hanson	140	18	19½	22½	0	2½	5
(*157½)	160	4	7	11	5	11	14
LASMO	160	15	19½	23	1	4	4½
(*173)	180	3½	8	12	9	12	13½
Lucas	200	12½	19	22½	4½	10½	11½
(*211)	220	3	10	13½	16½	20½	22
Pilkngtn	172	15	—	—	1	—	—
(*189)	191	5	—	—	7	—	—
Prudential	390	32½	39	47	1½	8	12½
(*419)	420	11½	20½	30½	10½	20	25
Redland	390	18	25	35	6	15	20½
(*400)	420	5	14	21½	22½	33	37
R-Royce	220	9½	15½	20½	6	12½	14½
(*221)	240	2	7½	12	19½	24½	28½
Tesco	280	11½	17½	25	5½	12	15½
(*283½)	300	3	9	16	18	24	27
Williams	300	26½	29½	—	0	5	—
(*324)	330	5½	12	—	10	16½	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3656)

	3550	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800
Calls						
Jul	113	65	24	4	1	1
Aug	126	89½	54	35	18	7½
Sep	150½	116½	86½	62	41	25½
Oct	169½	137	109½	82	59	42½
Dec	—	173	—	119	—	75½
Puts						
Jul	1	2½	11½	42	92	142
Aug	22½	35	54	80½	114	153½
Sep	40½	56	77	100	129	164½
Oct	55	72	91	116½	145½	177½
Dec	—	97	—	141½	—	199

Series		Calls Sep	Dec	Apr	Puts Sep	Dec	Apr
Abbey Nat	550	25	39½	49	17½	24½	35
(*560½)	600	5	17	26	50	54½	62½
Amstrad	180	18	23½	—	6	7	—
(*192)	200	7½	13½	—	19½	17	—
Barclays	750	36½	52½	69	14½	23	29
(*770½)	800	12	29½	44	42	50	66
Blue Circ	330	26	36	40	6	9	11½
(*353½)	360	10½	19	25	17½	22½	25½
Br Gas	180	13	17	19½	4½	9	11½
(*186½)	200	4	7	11	15½	20½	24
Dixons	500	25	39	49	12½	22	28
(*515½)	550	7	17	28	45½	51	56
Forte	345	25	—	—	8	—	—
(*367½)	373	5	—	—	3½	—	—
Tarmac	100	7	10½	12½	4	7½	8½
(*103)	110	3	6	8	10	13½	14
Hillsdwn	160	14	17½	20	2	5	6
(*171½)	180	3	7	9	11	15	16
Lonrho	160	11½	16	19	3	6	7½
(*169)	180	2½	6	9	14½	16½	18
Sears	90	9	—	—	2	4	—
(*92½)	100	3	4½	—	8	10	—
Thorn	1100	57	91½	—	35	75	—
(*1159)	1150	21	50	—	125	137	—
Tomkins	240	17	22	26	9	10½	12
(*254)	260	5	10	15	17½	19	22½
Lloyds TSB	330	31½	35	43½	3	7	13
(*326)	350	14	23	29½	14	19	26½
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo W	850	24	46½	64	0	29	38
(*874½)	900	0	23	46	25	56	66
HSBC	1000	15	51½	79	0	39½	50½
(*1015)	1050	0	29	54	35	60½	77½
Reuter	700	19½	47½	62	0	27½	33
(*718½)	750	0	24½	35	31½	48	56
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins	360	26	31½	41½	0	9	13
(*386)	390	0	15½	24½	4	21½	26½
Series		Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Kingfshr	600	5	31	49	0	37½	30½
(*605)	650	0	12	27	42	59½	50
Series		Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Unilever	1200	33½	65	71½	0	13	23
(*1259½)	1250	0	31½	42½	16½	33½	45
Series		Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Natl Pwr	360	31½	40	47½	5½	12	16
(*383)	400	9	15	27½	23	32	35
Scot Pwr	340	21½	24½	31½	10½	15½	21
(*315)	330	6½	14½	19½	30	32½	38

July 17, 1996 Tot: 72440 Call: 32794 Put: 39646 FT-SE Call: 6815 Put: 14268
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 61500	Sep 96	3645.0	3667.0	3640.0	3662.0	17794
	Dec 96				3682.0	0
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3491	Sep 96				4208.0	0
	Dec 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 394622	Sep 96	94.30	94.31	94.27	94.29	9698
	Dec 96	94.21	94.22	94.16	94.20	21312
	Mar 97	93.90	93.92	93.86	93.89	10266
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	99.65	99.65	99.64	99.64	668
	Mar 97	99.35	99.35	99.34	99.34	940
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1005767	Sep 96	96.69	96.69	96.64	96.67	33443
	Dec 96	96.56	96.57	96.50	96.54	40095
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 133750	Sep 96	106-10	106-19	106-07	106-14	35633
	Dec 96				105-20	0
Japanese Govnt Bond	Sep 96	117.90	118.01	117.92	118.02	2677
	Dec 96	116.91	117.02	116.90	116.98	641
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 200520	Sep 96	96.30	96.45	96.04	96.41	144802
	Dec 96	95.20	95.40	95.15	95.32	434
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 23620	Sep 96	95.56	95.59	95.55	95.59	144
	Dec 96	95.41	95.51	95.40	95.51	1196
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 71995	Sep 96	97.37	97.42	97.32	97.36	11191
	Dec 96	97.24	97.26	97.16	97.24	5369
Italian Govnt Bond Previous open interest: 64057	Sep 96	114.90	115.55	114.90	115.19	90310
	Dec 96	114.70	114.95	114.90	114.54	462

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4¾ Week fixed: 5⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝; Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	6-5⅞
Interbank:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	6-5⅞
Overnight: open 5¾ close 5¾					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅝	n/a	5⅝	5⅞	5⅞
Sterling CDs:	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝
Dollar CDs:	5.30	n/a	5.54	5.75	6.05
Building Society CDs:	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	6-5⅞

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-2¾
French Franc:	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¾	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	3-2
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	⅝-½	1-½pr

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.60-383.90 Close: $383.80-384.10 High: $383.60-383.90
Low: $382.00-382.50 AM: $383.65 PM: $383.40
Krugerrand: $382.00-385.00 (£247.50-249.50)
Platinum: $392.00 (£253.25) Silver: $4.99 (£3.22) Palladium: $132.25 (£85.10)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for July 17	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5827-2.6017	2.5827-2.5851	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Brussels	47.416-47.670	47.418-47.461	12-7pr	32-25pr
Copenhagen	8.8724-8.9230	8.8724-8.8822	1¼-1⅛pr	4¼-3¼pr
Dublin	0.9667-0.9713	0.9667-0.9683	4-1pr	6-1pr
Frankfurt	2.3009-2.3174	2.3009-2.3032	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Lisbon	236.74-238.65	236.74-237.03	¼-⅛pr	7¼-1⅛pr
Madrid	194.71-196.32	194.71-194.90	23-33ds	72-89ds
Milan	2357.4-2368.4	2357.4-2360.9	61-76ds	18-20ds
Montreal	2.1216-2.1277	2.1226-2.1248	0.22-0.17pr	0.44-0.31pr
New York	1.5480-1.5537	1.5480-1.5499	0.05-0.03pr	0.05-0.01pr
Oslo	9.9003-9.9820	9.9003-9.9304	1¼-¼pr	2¼-1½pr
Paris	7.7437-7.8520	7.7437-7.9018	1¼-1⅛pr	3⅝-3⅛pr
Stockholm	10.250-10.385	10.250-10.277	⅛-⅛pr	1¼-⅛pr
Tokyo	166.28-168.05	166.28-168.52	¼-⅛pr	2¼-2pr
Vienna	16.192-16.311	16.192-16.204	¼-⅛pr	1¼-⅛pr
Zurich	1.8796-1.9009	1.8796-1.8814	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2674-1.2682
Austria	10.44-10.45
Belgium (Com)	30.59-30.63
Canada	1.3685-1.3690
Denmark	5.7275-5.7305
France	5.0330-5.0340
Germany	1.4853-1.4858
Hong Kong	7.7363-7.7373
Ireland	1.6005-1.6015
Italy	1521.00-1523.50
Japan	108.90-109.00
Malaysia	2.4860-2.4870
Netherlands	1.6662-1.6667
Norway	6.3985-6.4022
Portugal	152.75-152.85
Singapore	1.4183-1.4193
Spain	125.65-125.70
Sweden	6.6199-6.6299
Switzerland	1.2111-1.2121

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5542-1.5568
Australia dollar	1.9686-1.9721
Bahrain dinar	0.5790-0.5910
Brazil real*	1.5619-1.5661
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7100-0.7201
Finland markka	6.9775-7.0035
Greece drachma	362.75-369.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.0176-12.0269
India rupee	55.16-56.02
Indonesia rupiah	3580.00-3648.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4590-0.4690
Malaysia ringgit	3.8610-3.8658
New Zealand dollar	2.2551-2.2586
Pakistan rupee	54.36 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5850-5.7000
Singapore dollar	2.2028-2.2062
S Africa rand (com)	6.8190-6.9210
U A E dirham	5.6375-5.7615

Barclays Bank GTS * *Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,300	Marks Spr	3,800
ASDA Gp	3,000	NatWst Bk	3,800
Abbey Ntl	1,400	Nat Grid	3,200
Allied Dom	570	Nat Power	5,700
Argos	3,000	Next	2,800
All Foods	794	Orange	4,700
BAA	1,700	P & O	2,900
BAT Inds	4,100	Pearson	1,500
BOC	2,500	Pilkington	4,500
BP	3,500	PowerGen	2,000
BSkyB	1,700	Prudential	4,600
BTR	6,000	RMC	780
BT	11,000	RTZ	1,600
Bk of Scot	1,600	Rank Org	2,500
Barclays	1,300	Reckitt Col	951
Bass	2,800	Redland	2,100
Blue Circle	1,800	Reed Intl	501
Boots	751	Rentokil	3,200
Bae	1,300	Reuters	5,400
BA	4,200	Rolls Royce	3,800
Brit Gas	9,400	Royal Ins	2,300
Brit Steel	1,100	Ryl Bk Scot	1,700
Burmah Cstl	491	Safeway	477
Burton	2,900	Sainsbury	1,700
Cable Wire	4,000	Schroders	72
Cadbury	1,100	Scot & New	320
Carlton Cms	2,100	Scot Power	3,800
Cm Union	1,800	Sevn Trent	797
Cookson	1,300	Shell Trans	3,900
Courtaulds	1,500	Siebe	1,800
Dixons	1,700	SmKl Bch	5,100
Enterpr Oil	1,200	Smith Nph	1,400
GKN	1,500	Smiths Inds	510
GRE	2,300	Sthern Elec	124
GUS	1,900	Std Chartd	750
Gen Acc	1,600	Sun Allnce	2,000
Gen Elec	3,000	TI Gp	490
Glaxo Well	3,500	Tate & Lyle	614
Granada	3,400	Tesco	6,500
Grand Met	4,500	Thames W	305
Guinness	2,100	Thrn EMI	1,400
HSBC	4,300	Tomkins	2,400
Hanson	8,300	Unilever	2,000
ICI	1,900	Utd Utilities	417
Kingfisher	2,100	Utd News	3,000
LASMO	2,800	Vodafone	15,100
Ladbroke	8,200	Whitbread	1,800
Land Secs	509	Wllms Hld	1,300
Legal & Gn	1,000	Wolseley	952
Lloyds TSB	2,900	Zeneca	2,100

WALL STREET

	Jul 17 midday	Jul 16 close
AMP Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
ASA	[illegible]	[illegible]
AT & T	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abbott Labs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Advanced Micro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aetna Life	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ahmanson (HF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Air Prod & Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
AirTouch Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alberto-Culver B	[illegible]	[illegible]
Albertson's	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Alumnm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alco Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Signal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alum Co of Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Gold Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer El Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Genl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Home Pr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ameritech	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amoco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anheuser-Busch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Apple Computer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Archer Daniels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armstrng Wrld	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Auto Data Pro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avery Dennison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baker Hughes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltim Gas & El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Banc One	[illegible]	[illegible]
BankAmerica	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tr NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barnett Banks	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bausch & Lomb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baxter Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Becton Dickinson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Atlantic	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
BellSouth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Black & Decker	[illegible]	[illegible]
Block (H&R)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myrs Sq	[illegible]	[illegible]
Browning Ferris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brunswick	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
CMS Energy Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
CNA Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]
CPC Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
CSX	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Carolina Pwr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central & SW	[illegible]	[illegible]
Champion Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chevron Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chubb Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cigna Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clorox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coastal Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate-Palmolive	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia/HCA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Compaq Comp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comp Ass Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
ConAgra	[illegible]	[illegible]
Conrail	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Nat Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cooper Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corestates	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crown Cork	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dana Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dayton Hudson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air Lines	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deluxe Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Digital Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dillard Dept St	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney (Walt)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dominion Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Donnelley (RR)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dover Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chemical	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Jones	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dun & Bradstreet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Eaton Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Edison Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Emerson Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Engelhard Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Enron Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Enserch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ethyl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon	[illegible]	[illegible]
FMC Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
FPL Group	[illegible]	[illegible]
Federal Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fed Nat Mort	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Bk Sys	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Union Rlty	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fleet Finl Grp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fluor Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gannett	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gap Inc Del	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Reinsurance	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Signal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genuine Parts	[illegible]	[illegible]
Georgia Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glaxo Welle ADR	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich (BF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grace (W.R.)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grt Atl Pac Tea	[illegible]	[illegible]
Great Lakes Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Halliburton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harcourt General	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heinz (HJ)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hershey Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hewlett Packard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hilton Hotels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Home Depot	[illegible]	[illegible]
Homestake Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Household Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Houston Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Humana	[illegible]	[illegible]
ITT Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinois Tool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinova	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ingersoll Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intel Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
IBM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Flav & Fr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
James River Va	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johnson & Jhnsn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kellogg	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kerr-McGee	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kimberly-Clark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kmart	[illegible]	[illegible]
Knight Ridder	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lilly (Eli)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Limited Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lincoln Nat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Liz Claiborne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lockheed Martin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Louisiana Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
MCI Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marriott Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marsh & McLenn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Masco Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
May Dept St	[illegible]	[illegible]
Maytag Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
McDonalds	[illegible]	[illegible]
McDonnell D	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mead Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Medtronic	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mellon Bk	[illegible]	[illegible]
Melville Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Merck Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Merrill Lynch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Microsoft	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minnesota Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobil Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monsanto	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morgan (JP)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Natl Semi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Natl Service Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Navistar Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
NY Times A	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newmont Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Niagara Mohawk	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nike B	[illegible]	[illegible]
NL Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk Sthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nthn State Pwr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Northrop Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norwest Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ohio Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Oryx Energy Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overseas Ship	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Corning	[illegible]	[illegible]
PHH Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
PPG Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
PNC Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]
PP&L Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paccar Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
PacifiCorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pac Enterprises	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pac Gas & Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pac Telesis	[illegible]	[illegible]
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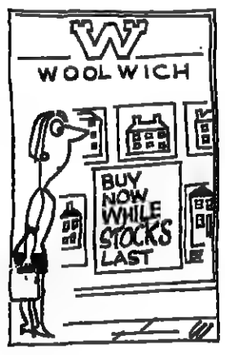
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Landing a settlement

GOOD news for Stephen Hinchliffe since Facia, his Sheffield-based retail group, went into receivership last month. The entrepreneur's former private pilot yesterday settled a claim for unfair dismissal. Andrew Rose, 36, who flew the former Facia chairman around the world in a Golden Eagle 421 Cessna aircraft, was sacked in 1994 for allegedly receiving unauthorised pay for his flying. Rose, who is now a Manx Airlines captain, and was supported by Balpa, the pilots' union, denied the allegation. He was all set to begin an industrial tribunal case at Nottingham this morning for unfair dismissal, but the two men reached a settlement.

Jagger and me

ROBERT WALTERS, owner of the eponymous recruiter of permanent executives, shares something in common with the singer Mick Jagger — both dropped out of accountancy studies before they qualified. Walters, who floated his company on the Stock Exchange yesterday, spent only two years training to be an accountant before realising at the age of 23 that poaching his fellow colleagues was a far more profitable profession. A stint in New York with Michael Page, the largest recruiter of permanent executives, and Robert Walters's rival, made him certain that as prey turned predator, he would need much deeper pockets.



All a quiver

MICHAEL Heseltine's remarkable eyebrows were seen to quiver dangerously yesterday. During a speech to mark the foundation of the site of a new shopping centre in Kent, Stuart Hornery, chairman of Lend Lease, the Australian developer, repeatedly referred to "Mr Heseltreen", as in the warming drink. Fortunately, in true laid-back Aussie style, Hornery soon switched to referring to Heseltine as plain old Michael. At last, the eyebrows were seen to relax.

Staying away

SIR Mark Weinberg, the South African chairman of St James Place Capital, the finance house, was nowhere to be seen at Allied Dunbar Assurance's 25th birthday party last night at Searcy's in Knightsbridge, where Regency-style dress was compulsory. Unveiling his new report as chairman of the Committee for Private Share Ownership yesterday, he said: "I've got a long history of not going to 25th anniversary parties of companies I started."

Tall order

SAVILLS has just landed a sky-scraping order. The estate agent is offering the tallest tree in Britain for sale — a 212 ft Douglas Fir on the 2,980 acre Dunans Estate in Argyll. The Savills Edinburgh office is, however, experienced in this field, after it sold in 1993 what the *Guinness Book of Records* at that time considered to be the tallest tree in Britain — a 206ft Grand Fir growing on the Stone Estate on Loch Fyne, only a dozen miles from this year's holder.

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ECONOMIC VIEW — ANATOLE KALETSKY

Why the Treasury must now be brought to heel

It has been transformed into something resembling a religious cult

To neuter or dismantle the Treasury should be the first priority of a new Labour government if it ever comes to power. Anyone who has not already been persuaded of this by the Treasury's dismal record of economic management, discussed on this page two months ago, should read the huge strategic review secretly produced by senior Treasury officials and leaked in *The Times* on Tuesday. Even Gordon Brown wil surely drop his demand to give the Treasury (and by implication a future Chancellor) more powers once he has read this document.

As I said in the article two months ago, the Treasury under Sir Terry Burns, its Permanent Secretary, remains a bastion of unreconstructed monetarism and *laissez-faire* economic liberalism. For the past 17 years, Treasury officials have been selected and promoted largely on the basis of their faith in the Thatcherite economic creed and they will remain faithful to this doctrine regardless of any change in government.

But even I did not realise until reading this document the extent to which the Treasury has been transformed from an efficient, though seriously flawed, administrative machine run by fanatically impartial pseudo-academics into something resembling a religious cult, whose adeherents must abide unquestionably, on pain of expulsion, by a peculiar idiosyncratic dogma.

Consider, for example, the following statement of the Treasury credo, labelled *Key Assumptions* in the leaked Treasury document — and note that this document was supposed to be a completely balanced non-partisan review of the policies the Treasury might wish to implment over the next ten years under governments of either party:

"In considering how the role of the State may change and what is the scope for using markets instead, one of our most important beliefs is clear. *Treasury officials have a high level of commitment to the efficiency of the market mechanism; to neo-classical welfare economics and to the utilitarian ethics on which they are based.*

"In general, the limits of the utilitarian-market approach come where people believe virtues other than efficiency and self-interest should dominate, eg responsibility, justice, patriotism or where they conflict with rights-based ethics. The Treasury accepts the analysis that everything is tradeable and ultimately has a price and that all that is needed is a sensible allocation of property rights." To put it simply, everything in the Treasury culture is now inimical to Tony Blair's main (perhaps his only) political ideal: the hope of creating a less individualistic, money-obsessed and market-dominated community, a concept he has sometimes described as "social-ism".

And there is not the slightest chance that something as inconsequential as a general election would change the mandarins' views. At worst, the present management of the Treasury are narrow-minded dogmatists. At best, they may accept that ideological decisions should ultimately be made by politicians and elections, but they believe that the Treasury must always have a materialistic institutional philosophy to counteract the airy-fairy idealism and economic ignorance of other departments.

The document concedes that "a failure to appreciate that others may not share the Treasury's values and indeed that our perspective may not always provide politically acceptable and practical policy options is a weakness". But the paper never for a moment considers that Treasury officials may have the *wrong* values — or indeed that apolitical civil servants are not entitled to have values at all, other than to help the Government to achieve the objectives for which it was elected.

On the contrary, for today's Treasury the task of making society more materialistic and of increasing the sway of market forces has acquired the over-arching significance of a moral crusade. It seems that if a minister were to ask a Treasury official to help to find a way of *reducing* the role of markets (for example in the health service or in education or broadcasting), the mandarin could treat this as a moral affront, almost like asking a Home Office official to find a way of murdering an awkward prisoner.

Even to a fairly cynical observer like myself of the Treasury's long-term transformation into an ideological free-market think tank, the lack of any appearance of impartiality in the leaked document came as a shock. That ideological bias alone should be enough to disqualify the Treasury from playing the enlarged role in any future Labour government demanded by Mr Brown. But reading the sections of the document dealing with specific policies there is another great cause for alarm, for Tories as well as Labour politicians.

While Treasury officials see themselves as the high priests of monetarism and free-market ideology in Whitehall, they differ from genuine Thatcherites in one crucial respect. Wheras the Thatcherites passionately believed that their policies would reverse Britain's long-term economic decline, the Treasury culture glories in defeatism. For the mandarins, the highest aim of policy is not to make Britain economically successful, but to make the public (and above all politicians) understand and accept the inevitability of "managed decline".

The Treasury's pessimism about Britain's long-term future suffuses every policy the strategy document touches, from education and teenage preganancy to environment and trade. But it is on two issues that the next government will have to settle that the Treasury's influence is likely to be greatest and therefore most malign. These are monetary policy and relations with Europe.

On monetary policy, the Treasury accepts without question that the control of interest rates should be transferred from the Chancellor to an independent Bank of England.

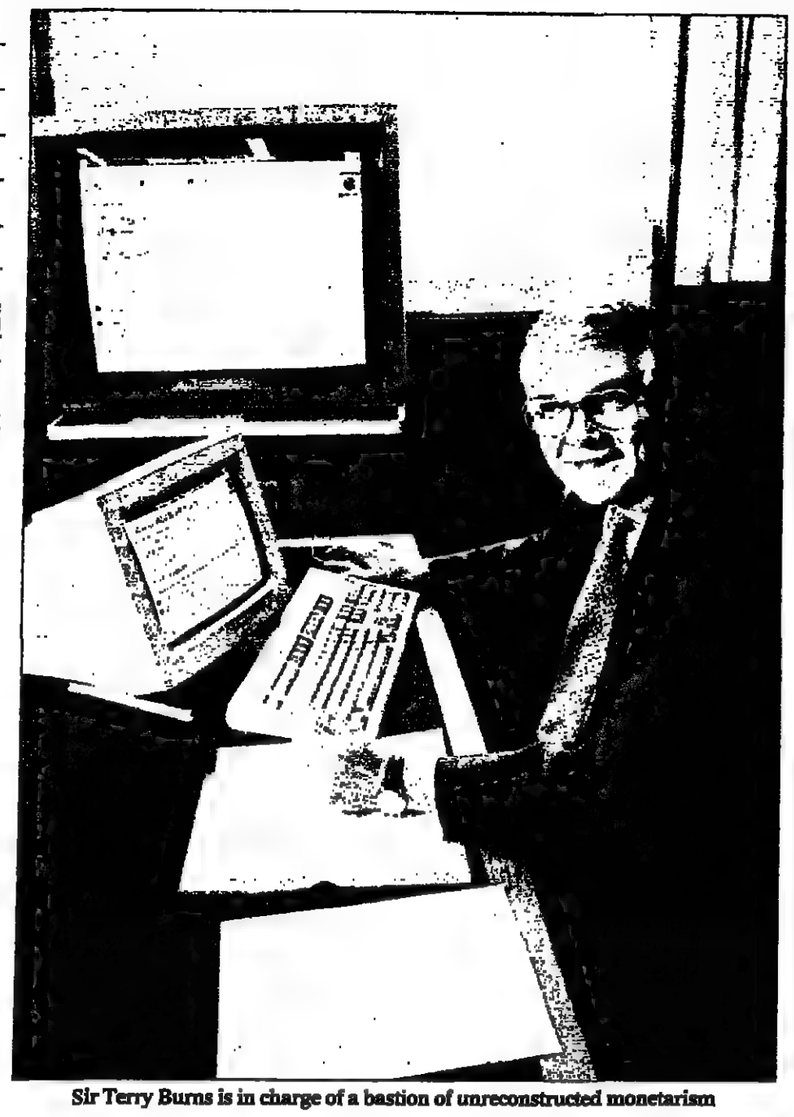
Such a transfer would be compulsory if Britain joined the European Monetary Union (and is one of the best arguments against going in). But amazingly the Treasury asserts that the "case for an independent Bank of England will be stronger if a decision not to join the single currency area is taken". The document adds that Britian would, in any case, probably set its monetary policy to shadow the euro if it did not join EMU.

These sentences show that, like the Bourbons, the mandarins have learnt nothing and forgotten nothing from the experience of shadowing the mark and joining the ERM. Above all, they still seem to believe in their bones that a genuinely independent national economic policy is impossible to pursue for an economy that is intrinsically as small and helpless as Britain.

This message — that Britain is destined to become ever weaker in relation to the rest of the world, regardless of what any government might do — is indeed the *leitmotif* of the whole document. Yet, like so much in the Treasury's document (and indeed in its policy advice) this statement is based on a simple misunderstanding of economics. The Treasury says that by 2115, Britain will inevitably lose its place among the top seven economies in the world. It presents a chart to show that, in 20 years' time China will be the world's largest economy, followed by America, Japan, India, Germany, Brazil and Indonesia.

What the mandarins do not seem to realise, however, is that these figures (produced by the World Bank) do not reflect market exchange rates and thus give no indication of a country's relative significance in the world market. In fact, on the figures used by the Treasury, China is already a bigger economy than Japan and Germany, while India is already as important as Britain. Given that France and Italy are by all measures now bigger economies than Britain, it seems that we have already been jostled out of the first division.

If these figures gave an accurate picture of economic reality then they would represent the best possible argument for locking up the Treasury and throwing the keys in the Thames. Thankfully, all that these figures prove is that the Treasury does not understand economics any better than it appreciates the subtleties of political impartiality. Let us hope that Mr Brown gets the message.


Sir Terry Burns is in charge of a bastion of unreconstructed monetarism

The truth that is stranger than fiction

Alasdair Murray on MGM's purchase by one man, aged 78, for the third time

It is a story that the script editors at MGM, the grand old film studio, would almost certainly reject as too divorced from reality. At the age of 78, Kirk Kerkorian, the billionaire US businessman, has stolen control of MGM, and its famous roaring lion symbol, from under the nose of some of the world's most powerful entertainment groups.

Written off after his failure to win a $22 billion battle last year for Chrysler, the US car giant, Mr Kerkorian has answered his legions of critics with the winning $1.3 billion bid for MGM jointly with its chairman, Frank Mancuso, and Seven Network, the Austrlian TV company.

Remarkably, it is the third time that Mr Kerkorian has won control of the studio. He has also won the blessing of Credit Lyonnais, the state-owned French bank which is selling it and spent five years suing Mr Kerkorian for alleged fraud after his sale of MGM in 1990, only settling out of court last October. Hollywood is bemused by Mr Kerkorian's sudden renewed interest, which became apparent only with the audacious midnight-hour bid last Thursday. Tinseltown gossips regard him as an outsider — a financial wheeler-dealer who makes his money through asset-stripping and treads dangerously close to illegality.

They point to his frequent run-ins with the Securities and Exchanges Commission, the US stock market regulator, and the legal battles with former business partners, such as Credit Lyonnais, that have often ended with Mr Kerkorian settling out of court although never accepting legal responsibilty.

Friends highlight his unassuming nature — a man said to be worth more than $4 billion but who still prefers to park his own car and shuns the publicity-hungry behaviour that is normally expected of an American business superstar. Mr Kerkorian has not given an interview for 25 years and is supposedly happiest on his 193-ft yacht or playing one of his still regular games of tennis.

But then Mr Kerkorian's business behaviour has always been anything but conventional. The son of an Armenian immigrant, Mr Kerkorian started his working life as a modestly successful amateur boxer, gaining the mental and physical reserves neccesary to survive the tough business world of Las Vegas after the war.

But it was his wartime experience, flying RAF supply planes out of Canada, that set him on the path to success. After the war, Mr Kerkorian bought redundant warplanes and set up a local airline flying gamblers into and out of Las Vegas. When he sold it in 1968, it was worth $100 million.

It was his first acquisition of a stake in MGM for $70 million in 1969 that brought Mr Kerkorian on to the public stage. He used the already declining film studio as a vehicle for his own leisure ambitions, opening MGM branded hotels and casinos in Las Vegas and Reno. In 1981, he expanded his entertainment empire when he bought another faded Hollywood giant, United Artists, for $380 million and merged it with MGM. While Mr Kerkorian's relationship with MGM has baffled observers for almost three decades, it is his interest in Chrysler that brought him notoriety.

Mr Kerkorian first took a stake in the company in December 1990, when it was on the verge of collapse. In April last year, he launched a $23 billion bid for the company. Facing the hostility of the well-regarded board, he teamed up with Lee Iacocca, the former Chrsyler head, to provide credibility for the bid. The move backfired and Mr Kerkorian never managed to put in place the $10 billion banking facilities needed.

With such an unpredictable track record, it is not surprising that the film industry remains wary of his renewed involvement with MGM. The sale is also likely to face strong opposition in France, which has long been sensitive to the supposed cultural dominance of America and will not welcome the sale of the only leading European-owned studio back to its controversial American former owner while ignoring the claims of Polygram, the Dutch group.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Mutuality seems better than conversion in the long term

From Mr Matthew Roberts

Sir, The amount of speculation and comment about which building societies will be next to go down the conversion route is enough to make one's head spin. However, few people have brought to light the possible implications and consequences of such mergers.

Paul Mills, an economist at the Treasury, highlighted the following in a paper last month. Whilst depositors with commercial banks (Cooperative Bank excepted) "have no control over whether their money is being used to finance employment creation in the inner cities or international arms deals . . . regulations ensure that societies can only lend to property related activities and for consumer purchases." (Cambridge Papers, vol 5, no 2).

Whilst this letter seeks not to be a discussion about the ethics of banking, it is hoped that members of building societies might think twice before surrendering stewardship rights for a few shares, which may not realise their perceived cash value. The likely outcome of plc status is higher borrowing rates and lower savings rates. However, Britannia, which wishes to remain mutual, not only hopes to offer competitive rates but has also announced a bonus scheme.

Mutuality seems to offer greater long-term benefits than conversion.

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Death in service benefit payments

From Mr Tom Ross

Sir, I note that the article written by Pennington ("A question of trust", July 9) raises doubts about the basis under which death in service benefits are paid by trustees of occupational pension schemes.

Whilst I do not know the details in the mentioned case, I would like to comment on his misconception of how the benefit is governed in funded occupational pension schemes established under trust. In these schemes (which embrace practically all occupational pension scheme members) the trustees are under an obligation to act in a fiduciary manner in the exercise of their functions.

As Pennington says, for tax reasons the trustees' role is to exercise their discretion over the destination of the amount payable to the nominated beneficiary, although in practice it would normally be the member's nominee who would receive the benefit. It would not be within the trustees' power to make such a payment to the company employing the deceased.

Special arrangements established by companies for senior executives could possibly operate under different principles. However, members of occupational pension schemes should be assured that this article does not affect them.

Yours faithfully,
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Leaders deserve every penny

From Mr Anthony Halperin

Sir, I write in response to G.D.V. Glynn (Business Letters, July 12) in which he carps at the suggestion that leaders of the action groups should receive large sums of moneys over and above the running costs they have incurred.

As a former member of Lloyd's and a member of the Wellington Action Group, I considered myself lucky that my own losses were small. However, in the early stages of the Lloyd's losses, I can well remember the total despair and shock of thousands of Lloyd's members as major calls arrived on the doorstep.

It was by no means certain that there would have been any settlement but for the perseverance of leaders of the action groups, at that stage voluntary. I for one am grateful for the efforts of the action group leaders. They deserve every penny they have fought so hard for on behalf of all non-working members.

Yours faithfully,
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Bulmer rebrands to meet cider tax

By Alasdair Murray

HP BULMER, the cider company, said yesterday it will introduce two different-strength versions of its White Lightning brand this autumn, allowing consumers to choose whether to pay higher prices for higher alcohol content.

Bulmer, along with other cider companies, has been forced to alter its branding strategy because of the planned imposition of increased duty on ciders above 7.5 per cent alcohol by volume.

John Rudgard, chief executive, said the company had opted to reduce the alcohol levels in certain ciders to avoid the tax, but would maintain some premium-strength brands to see if there was a market for them after the duty rise takes effect.

Bulmer announced a 10 per cent increase in full-year profits, before exceptionals, to £27.5 million. Exceptional costs totalled £2.1 million following the £23 million purchase of Inch earlier this year.

Cost savings of £1 million had already been achieved from the Inch acquisition, which was expected to be earnings-enhancing this year.

Bulmer, whose brands include Strongbow, Scrumpy Jack and Woodpecker, recorded a sales rise above the market in both the take-home and on-trade sectors. The company now has a 52 per cent share of the total cider market.

The company said it was looking to increase its exports to the US, Finland and Ireland. On-tap sales were performing well in the new markets of Belgium and France.

Bulmer shares rose 3p to close at 589p. The total dividend was increased by 10 per cent to 13.2p.

On current trading sales volume was up some 10 per cent since the financial year-end. Mr Rudgard said, "June was very good," he said.

ANDREW DALTON, above, the managing director, said Robert H Lowe, the packaging and textile group, sustained its recovery in the six months to April 30 and is paying its first interim dividend in seven years. The group, which produces the football strips for Spain, Liverpool and Blackburn Rovers, achieved sales of £8.7 million from its textile sector, a rise of 76 per cent. Group turnover was 93 per cent ahead at £13.7 million.

Pre-tax profits rose 70 per cent to £907,000, helped by profits of £164,000 from Majoca, its newly acquired packaging subsidiary. The group said that it was looking for more acquisitions in the packaging sector and was in negotiations with a few private companies. The group declared an interim dividend of 0.1p per share, paid from earnings of 0.88p per share (0.61p).

Unison urges minimum wage of £4.26p an hour

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S trade unions are set for a public dispute over Labour's plans for a national minimum wage, with Unison, the UK's largest union, insisting on proposing a specific minimum of £4.26 an hour in defiance of the party's wishes.

Union leaders on the TUC's governing executive committee yesterday were unable to agree a statement on the minimum wage to go to the organisation's annual conference in Blackpool in the autumn.

Tony Blair, the Labour Party leader, is insistent that Labour will not set a minimum wage figure in advance of the general election, and TUC leaders are privately striving to avoid their conference doing so. But Unison's move, which most other unions will have little choice but to support, means that the issue is likely now to provoke a row at the conference — though TUC leaders will try hard before then to find a form of words to avert a public argument.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, yesterday tried at the executive committee meeting to find a way of deferring the issue, including proposing a special conference on it in 18 months' time, but Unison leaders refused to shift from their insistence on a specific figure. Unions such as FBU, the firefighters' grouping, backed Unison, but the TGWU, the large transport union, was more supportive of Mr Monks. TUC leaders believe that if the unions take a different line to Labour on the minimum wage then not only will the party largely dissociate itself from the unions, but the Government will seize on it and use it against the Labour leadership.

Even so, the unions are determined to keep what argument there is over the minimum wage at the TUC conference rather than see them emerge at Labour's conference a month later in ways that might do greater damage to the party's electoral prospects.

Labour Party leaders will join TUC officials in trying to persuade the unions to avoid setting a specific minimum wage rate. However, the party believes that as Mr Blair is not addressing the TUC conference, any possible political damage arising from it can be contained within the unions. Mr Blair will attend a dinner at the conference.

The TUC believes that a number of important issues surrounding the minimum wage are not yet resolved, including the timing of its implementation and the legislation to introduce it under an incoming Labour government.

Although the unions yesterday could not agree on a joint statement on the policy of a minimum wage, they decided that the TUC should continue its work on it. However, the sharp differences between the unions are likely to arise again in the run-up to their own annual conferences.

Britannic bounces back with strong rise

By Marianne Curphey

AFTER two years of tough trading conditions, Britannic Assurance has bounced back to report a strong rise in new business for the first six months, boosted by demand for investment products.

New single-premium business was particularly strong, rising 37 per cent to £65.9 million. Total new regular premiums improved by 11.4 per cent to £19.9 million, and regular-premium pensions business was up 15 per cent to £5.3 million, reversing a downward trend.

Sales of the company's single-premium life assurance bonds improved by 63 per cent to £27.2 million.

Brian Shaw, general manager and actuary of the Birmingham-based life company, said the results were "very pleasing". He added: "Last year was particularly difficult and it is important for us that all areas of business are picking up."

He declined to say when discussions with the Department of Trade and Industry into redistribution of orphan assets would be complete.

"The talks take time and it is crucial we get things right," he said. Mr Shaw is on record as saying he hoped the issue would be resolved by the end of the year.

The life insurer is currently looking at restructuring its 200 branches to cut costs and introduce new technology. Although Britannic's team of financial advisers will be kept on, an unspecified number of back-office staff are likely to go when offices are closed.

Industrial branch collectable business was nearly 14 per cent higher at £8.7 million.

Britannic said increased sales of pension annuities at £8.1 million accounted for higher single-premium business and was evidence of a rapidly growing market for the product.

In October, Britannic is entering the potentially lucrative health insurance market with the launch of a range of critical-illness products. The company stopped selling motor policies in January because of intense competition from direct writers. Existing motor policyholders will be covered until renewal.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

First Technology off to a record start

FIRST TECHNOLOGY, the automotive electronics company that specialises in crash and safety testing, said the current year had started well, with record order books. In the year to April 30 the company lifted pre-tax profits to £7.3 million (£6.3 million) on turnover of £38.8 million (£32.9 million). A final dividend of 5.3p a share, payable October 15, lifts the total to 8.5p (7p). Earnings rose to 30.07p a share (26.46p).

The company ended the year with net cash of £1.13 million after £3 million of capital expenditure. Dr Fred Westlake, chairman, said there had been strong growth in sales of fuel cut-off sensors. The safety and analysis division saw overall sales grow 30 per cent, with a 75 per cent rise in continental Europe. The shares rose 10p to 509p.

ScottishPower cuts issue

SCOTTISHPOWER, the generator and distributor which is in the process of taking over Southern Water, yesterday halved the number of new shares made available from the rights issue for Southern Water shareholders. After take-ups under the share alternative amounted to just under 100 million by Tuesday, the first closing date for the offer, the company cut the new shares available under the rights issue from 235.7 million to 116.1 million.

Accountancy pay boost

TRENDS in salaries for accountants and other financial staff are now on track for a return to the boom times of late 1980s, according to the latest six-monthly survey from Hays Accountancy Personnel. It shows that average pay awards across the business have risen an average of 4.1 per cent in the first half of the year. The salaries of newly and part-qualified accountants show an average rise of 7.1 per cent.

Alitalia rescue planned

ALITALIA, the Italian flag carrier, will show a 1.2 trillion lire (£509 million) loss in 1996 after restructuring costs, its ninth straight year of losses. Michele Tedeschi, chairman of IRI, the holding company, told a parliamentary committee in Rome that this included 800 billion lire of restructuring charges. He said IRI would inject 1.5 trillion lire of fresh funds in a planned 3.135 trillion lire capital increase to rescue the airline, with the rest coming from the private sector.

Body Shop Austria push

BODY SHOP plans to open 34 more branches across Austria, taking its total to 50 stores by 2000. Hans-Peter Sockel, general director of Body Shop Austria, said he also plans to launch a mail order service to reach smaller towns and villages. "We have only exhausted about 4 per cent of the possible market in Austria," Herr Sockel said. Half of the existing branches are located in the Vienna metropolitan area, in eastern Austria.

Worthington advances

WORTHINGTON GROUP, the supplier of clothing accessories, defied difficult trading conditions in the retail sector to increase profits to £2.01 million before tax, from £1.79 million previously, in the year to March 31. Earnings rose to 5.7p a share from 5.2p. A final dividend of 1.7p a share, due October 2, lifts the total to 2.5p a share from 2.2p. The company said costs had been tightly controlled, enabling operating profits to rise to £2.35 million from £2.13 million.

ACCOUNTANCY

Getting the measure of goodwill

Peter Holgate takes a look at the Accounting Standards Board's latest proposals for reform

HIGH on most accountants' shortlists of knotty problems is the nature and accounting treatment of goodwill — that most intangible of items that arises when one company acquires another and cannot attribute all of the purchase price to conventional assets.

Goodwill is the excess, the unanalysable residue — and in spite of many years of study, accountants are still not really sure what to do with it.

Accounting for goodwill and the related question of intangibles is on the agenda of the Accounting Standards Board (ASB), which has just published its latest proposals in the form of FRED 12.

It is easy to see why reform is needed. The present rules on goodwill (SSAP 22) allow considerable flexibility. Nearly all UK companies write off goodwill immediately to reserves. This depletes shareholders' funds, but avoids a hit against earnings. A very few opt for capitalising goodwill as an asset and amortising it against earnings, but it is untenable for such diverse treatments to be allowed, especially when the more popular is in direct conflict with practice overseas.

The ASB has spent a great amount of time considering the options, and this has included field-testing the proposals with some large companies and holding public hearings. FRED 12 is the result. Its key proposals are:

☐ Goodwill would be treated as an asset on the balance sheet: immediate write-off would be ruled out. This key change could significantly boost the balance sheets of many British companies.

☐ Intangibles would be treated the same way as goodwill — hence there would little or no advantage from calling goodwill a specific intangible.

☐ Goodwill should be recognised as an asset only after an acquisition.

☐ Intangible assets obtained as part of an acquisition should be recognised separately from goodwill, provided they can be measured reliably.

☐ Goodwill and intangibles would, in principle, be subject to amortisation against earnings, but the details of this would vary: there is a rebuttable presumption that the useful life does not exceed 20 years.

Where this is so, the goodwill or intangibles should be amortised over the estimated life; where it is believed that the useful life is more than 20 years, but the value is not significant or is not expected to be capable of continued measurement, it should be amortised over 20 years.

Where it is believed to have a useful life of over 20 years, and its value is significant and is expected to be capable of continued measurement, it should be amortised over the estimated useful life or, if this is indefinite, not amortised at all. Impairment reviews would have to be carried out annually. (The objective of the impairment test is to establish whether the carrying value of the asset is overstated. If it is, the asset would have to be written down by charging profits.)

The FRED 12 ideas have been known in outline since last summer. The key feature was thought to be that it was not necessary to amortise goodwill and intangibles. And indeed this feature is present, but it will not arise as often as had been anticipated — or hoped.

The combined effect of the proposed rules appears to leave the prospect of nil-amortisation applying only where the useful life is indefinite: the acquired goodwill can continue to be measured separately from the goodwill of the existing operations; and the annual impairment test indicates that there has been no impairment.

These occasions are likely to be few. This may disappoint some companies but:

☐ Non-amortisation can be adopted only by invoking "true and fair override", which can properly be invoked only in the special circumstances of a particular company. It would not be a valid use of the override if the ASB were to propose its use in a wide range of circumstances.

☐ Amortisation is international practice. So the rarer the non-amortisation, the closer will FRED 12 be to international harmonisation.

☐ The ASB intends the impairment test to be rigorous — not a "back of the envelope calculation".

☐ Even if the impairment tests are carried out rigorously and realistically, there is already evidence of scepticism on the part of analysts and other users about nil-amortisation.

This may leave us with amortisation being very much the rule and the alluring non-amortisation being very much the rarity — a possiblity for those who can afford to invest the time in the impairment tests and whose commerical strategies are to keep their acquisitions separate. As there may be very few in this category, the dream ticket of boosting the balance sheet while not hitting earnings may be something of an illusion.

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PETER TREVNOR

Peter Holgate believes that reform on the issue is needed

Changes spurring the exercise of judgment

THE EFFECTS of gradual change tend to arrive with a bump, usually when least expected. For people in the financial reporting community there were three very solid events in the last week that showed in quite a startling way how change has come about even though many had hardly noticed it.

The first event was the publication of the new edition of Terry Smith's famous demolition work on creative accounting, *Accounting For Growth*. When the first edition appeared in 1992 there was uproar. The book showed how many creative accounting loopholes many of the best-known companies were using. The spotlight was turned on the auditors; they were to blame. This time the book produces just as many examples of well-known companies being somewhat economical with the truth, but the analysts get it in the neck.

The change is that when the first edition came out the revolution that Sir David Tweedie and the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) have wrought was just under way — the obvious loopholes have been closed; and, secondly, the rules have focused on forcing people to look harder at what the figures mean. This alters the balance.

Careless investors can no longer simply blame auditors for any losses; they can have only themselves to blame. In Smith's new chapter on earnings per share and the profit and loss account, he makes it plain how far the Tweedie insistence on eliminating one single magic number and, instead, forcing users of accounts to weigh up the information for themselves has changed things. Investors, concludes Smith, "should look at the company's earnings performance from several directions, and attempt to value the company in the light of the fluctuations in its reported profits rather than in spite of them".

The second event that shows how much things have changed is the ASB progress paper on its "Statement of Principles for Financial Reporting" — the document that Ernst & Young lambasted when it was first published. As the ASB preface says: "Some of the misunderstandings were expressed by those who apparently had not actually read the draft itself." The E&Y attack flushed out many of the old-style knee-jerk reactions from finance directors. This is the argument about why cannot we simply have rules for every contingency rather than principles, which mean that someone else's opinion might disagree with ours.

The original ASB document had drawn the venom. This time the ASB could simply emphasise that "bedrock notions such as true and fair, accruals and going concern are and will remain part of the framework". It also emphasises that the idea of some form of current cost accounting, which horrifies so many of the profession, "is not on our agenda". But what is plainly on the agenda and what ties in with Terry Smith's book is that the battle over rules versus principles has been won. Smith's arguments are based on the idea that people, whether auditors, finance directors or investors, should use judgment. They do not think much of rules. As Smith points out over and over again, rules do not stop people bending them or finding loopholes.

The Tweedie revolution has stopped much of the old 1980s methods of finding a way of disguising management failure. But, as Smith's book shows, there are new 1990s methods of achieving the same ends. But it is investors who should be providing guidance. And it is the analysts who should be aware of fancy footwork in a company's accounts. All the best wheezes are legal and fit the rules. In a formal sense auditors are powerless on such occasions. Informally they should be putting the pressure on. But that is much more likely if the users of accounts have taken the trouble to press companies on the dubious points themselves.

The third sign of change is in the form of the ASB's proposals on derivatives and other financial instruments, which are published today. In the old days the emphasis would have been on the accounting. Instead the emphasis is on getting the document sorted out as a matter of urgency and the accounting, given the complexity and likelihood of a thousand and one conflicting views being urged on the ASB, will follow some years after. "The first concern about present accounting and disclosure practices," as the ASB says, "is that many derivatives are not shown in the accounts at all." Disclosure, which the ASB hopes will be voluntarily introduced almost immediately, will do the work of alerting the world to what is at stake.

Then the arguments on the principles of trying to pin the accounting down will follow more naturally. In some ways the derivatives programme is the first real beneficiary of the revolution. People will be arguing about what it all really means instead of losing themselves in futile rules.

ROBERT BRUCE

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Out of the firing line

THE first edition of Terry Smith's *Accounting For Growth* was famous, among other things, for its blobs. Smith analysed the accounts of the UK's top companies and awarded them a "blob" for each creative accounting method used. In the new edition, published today, there are no blobs. Smith reckoned they diverted people's attention from the need for good analysis of accounts. It is a shame. The blobs may have led to public humiliation for a company, but often internally they were the reason for private jubilation. One finance director told Smith that he had been hauled in by his chairman and asked how many blobs the company would have been awarded. "If there are more than nine you are fired," the chairman said. "But if there are less than two then you are also fired."

Changing ways

HAYS Accountancy Personnel's latest salary survey suggests you can have it both ways. It reports rocketing salaries and high demand for accountants and says we are seeing a return to the Eighties boom days. But there is one difference. "Graduates," it says, "are less arrogant and better prepared." Surely not.

Late payers

IT IS always good to have old prejudices reinforced. Grant Thornton's annual European Business Survey provides much pan-European food for thought. When it comes to late payments Italy remains at the head of the league, followed closely by Greece and Spain. And the fastest payers, as you might expect, are all those serious Scandinavians, with the Finns in the lead. But on other questions, expectations are turned on their head. A new question asks about women in management. The UK has the highest proportion of companies with women in their management teams and The Netherlands the lowest, closely followed by Sweden.

ROBERT BRUCE

Shares rise in thin trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	422	Allied Domecq	[illegible]			
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	[illegible]			
131	96	Burn Stewart	[illegible]			
775	615	Glenmorangie A	[illegible]			
464	411	Grand Met	[illegible]			
491	436	Guinness	[illegible]			
379	315	Highland Dist	[illegible]			
196	150	Macallan-Glen	[illegible]			
800	665	Matthew Clark	[illegible]			
141	93	Merrydown Wi	[illegible]			
2612½	1700½	SA Breweries	[illegible]			

BANKS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3616½	2743½	ABN-AMRO	[illegible]			
663	528	Abbey Nat	[illegible]			
335	315	Allied Irish	[illegible]			
336	285	Aus New Z	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bank America	[illegible]			
316	231½	Bank Scotland	[illegible]			
819	603	Barclays	[illegible]			
488	413	Bk of Ireland	[illegible]			
482	379	Cater Allen	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Citicorp	[illegible]			
392	318	Close Bros	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Commerzbk	[illegible]			
1350	1065	Dai Ichi Kan	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Deutsche Bk	[illegible]			
803½	593½	Espirito Santo	[illegible]			
1507	1251	Fuji Bank	[illegible]			
477	339	Gerrard Nat	[illegible]			
252	196	Hambros	[illegible]			
1125	931	HSBC	[illegible]			
1039	930	HSBC HK	[illegible]			
421	385	Irish Perm	[illegible]			
172	143	King Shaxson	[illegible]			
456	415	Leopold J	[illegible]			
347½	294½	Lloyds TSB	[illegible]			
640	566	Nat Aust Bk	[illegible]			
711	605½	Nat West	[illegible]			
66	50	Rea Brothers	[illegible]			
586	468½	Ryl Bk Scott	[illegible]			
1380	1185	Schroders	[illegible]			
1128	880	Schroders N/V	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Singer & Fried	[illegible]			
672	547	Stand Chart	[illegible]			
105	85½	Union	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Wells Fargo	[illegible]			
329½	264	Westpac	[illegible]			
360	268	Woolwich	[illegible]			

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
50	36	Abrdn Stk Hlc	[illegible]			
387	353	Ascot Hldgs	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bass	[illegible]			
[illegible]	40	Brit for the Bdr	[illegible]			
177	161	Burtonwood Brwl	[illegible]			
126½	92	City Centre Rest	[illegible]			
621	463	Compass Grp	[illegible]			
265	190	Eldridge P A	[illegible]			
540	413	Fulls Sm 'A'	[illegible]			
636	546	Greenalls Grp	[illegible]			
671	567½	Greene King	[illegible]			
385	324	Grosvenor Inns	[illegible]			
358	304	Groupe Chez Ger	[illegible]			
357	299	Hardy Hanson	[illegible]			
3475	3075	Hall J	[illegible]			
72	45	Inn Business	[illegible]			
365	313	Mansfield	[illegible]			
393½	284½	Marston Thmpl	[illegible]			
673	535	Morland	[illegible]			
147	118	My Kinda Town	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Paramount	[illegible]			
183	123	Pelican Grp	[illegible]			
438	217	PizzaExpress	[illegible]			
438	345	Ramsdens (H)	[illegible]			
215	138½	Regent Inns	[illegible]			
700	601	Scot & New	[illegible]			
265	205	Tom Cobleigh	[illegible]			
313	268	Vaux Group	[illegible]			
1058	640	Wetherspoon JD	[illegible]			
739	672	Whitbread	[illegible]			
893	578	Wolverhmptn D	[illegible]			
407	297	Yates Bros	[illegible]			
690	425	Young 'A'	[illegible]			

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
33	15	AAF Inds	[illegible]			
190	138	Abbey	[illegible]			
[illegible]	212½	Allen	[illegible]			
[illegible]	87½	Amec	[illegible]			
449	275	Andrews Sykes	[illegible]			
183	153	Ashtead	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Avonside	[illegible]			
31	24	Bailey (Ben) Con	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Barcomp	[illegible]			
281	219	Barratt Devs	[illegible]			
213	186	Bearer Homes	[illegible]			
344	249	Bellway	[illegible]			
21	17	Bellwinch	[illegible]			
620	483	Berkeley Gp	[illegible]			
173	133	Bett Bros	[illegible]			
250	175	Boot (Henry)	[illegible]			
133	93	Bowden Hire	[illegible]			
30	19	Britannia Gp	[illegible]			
[illegible]	31	Br Dredg & Eng	[illegible]			
[illegible]	104	Bryant	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	CALA	[illegible]			
20	10	Campbell & Arm	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Clarke T	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Costain	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Countryside	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cred Nicholson	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cussons	[illegible]			
220	118	Eve Group	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Galliford	[illegible]			
983	733	Gleeson (MJ)	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Green (Ernst)	[illegible]			
379	285	Havelock Euro	[illegible]			
163	138	Hewden-Stuart	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Higgs & Hill	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Howard Hldgs	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jarvis	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
371	253	Laing (J)	[illegible]			
117	97	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	[illegible]			
21	[illegible]	Lovell (YJ)	[illegible]			
218	191	Maunders (J)	[illegible]			
157	128	McAlpine (A)	[illegible]			
101	[illegible]	McCarthy & S	[illegible]			
132	81	Morgan Sindall	[illegible]			
173	122	Morrison Const	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mowlem (J)	[illegible]			
242	173	Persimmon	[illegible]			
115	[illegible]	Pochins	[illegible]			
145	97	Prowting	[illegible]			
20	[illegible]	Raine Ind	[illegible]			
152	126	Redrow	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Secure Retire	[illegible]			
320	263	Stanh Hldgs	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Storno	[illegible]			
378	343	Spendex	[illegible]			
158	121	Tay Homes	[illegible]			
175	115	Taylor Woodrw	[illegible]			
508	408	Tilbury Douglas	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Try Group	[illegible]			
103	74	Vibroplant	[illegible]			
111	[illegible]	Wainhomes	[illegible]			
53	38	Ward Hldgs	[illegible]			
223	170	Westbury	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Wiggins	[illegible]			
190	161	Wilson (C)	[illegible]			
473	354	Wilson Bowden	[illegible]			
160	129	Wimpey G	[illegible]			

BUILDING MATERIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
15	5½	Albrighton	6½			
351	284	BPB Ind	339	- 1	3.6	16.8
124	97	Baggeridge Brk	110		3.8	21.1
42	31	Bardon	35½	- ½	7.1	15.7
65	47	Blockleys	48	- 1		
376	322	Blue Circle	354	- 1½	4.4	26.6
97	77	Breedon PLC	92	+ 1	8.6	15.0
130	108	Br Dredging	123		5.7	14.2
673	473	CRH	600	+ 8	2.0	16.2
48	32½	Caradon Rby	41		6.1	11.5
173	140	Cape	159		8.6	11.4
247	186½	Caradon	200	- 2	5.9	18.8
127	106	Caradon pf	109½		8.3	
35	19	Chieftain Gp	31		4.0	
213	158	Dyson (J&J)	200		2.5	18.8
93	70	Dyson 'A'	88		5.7	7.3
238	203	Epwin	220		5.1	14.2
183½	121½	Flare	135	+ 1		14.8
85	83	Gibbs & Dandy	83		5.3	8.6
200	135½	Graham Grp	135½	- 1½	3.3	14.5
408	360	Halstead (J)	380		3.0	15.8
321	288	Hepworth	268		6.9	14.1
66	36	Hewetson	62		5.2	13.7
251	215	Heywd Wlm	225		7.7	12.2
79	60	Ibstock	68½		3.6	9.7
500	335	Johnston	500		2.8	12.9
88	65	Litteshall	73		8.3	9.3
155	111	Marley	125		4.7	14.2
184	148	Marshalls	158		4.1	13.8
471	358	Meyer Int	358	- 8	4.0	30.6
149	114	Newman Tnks	116		7.4	13.7
106	83	Norcros	96			66.9
29	16	Phoenix Timber	24		1.0	
223	175	Pilkington	188	+ 4	3.0	11.0
305	174½	Polypipe	193	+ 2	1.7	17.9
1109	926	RMC Gp	1017	- 7	2.7	13.1
436	350	Redland	400		5.2	15.3
123	84½	Roskel	110		5.2	10.3
153	114	Rubenod	116	+ 1	6.6	11.1
140	102	Rugby Group	110½	+ 2½	4.1	20.1
131	113	Russell (A)	119		2.8	16.8
255	196	SIG	205	- 1	4.0	10.2
4½	3	SWP	4			
198	156	Sharpe & Fisher	196	+ 4	3.3	16.3
27	14	Sprog Ram	15¼	+ ½		
230	175	Streamline Hldgs	210		4.6	17.5
136	98	Tarmac	103	- 1	6.7	16.8
147	97	Tilon	115		5.2	12.5
458	350	Travis Perkins	412		2.8	17.9
40	28	Tudor	34		3.7	15.4
50	31	Watermould	31			
489	415	Wolseley	438	+ 18	2.8	15.2

CHEMICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
188	156	Albright & Wil	177		4.6	15.0
139	120	Allied Colloids	134	+ 3	2.9	21.7
210	150	Amber Ind	150		4.8	10.6
100	66	Amberley Gp	98	+ 2	1.8	23.1
1893½	1443½	BASF DM	1803½	+ 25	3.4	
949	872	BOC	938	- 7	3.7	17.1
310	259	BTP	263	+ 4	3.3	14.5
2306½	1716½	Bayer DM50	2193½	+ 9½	3.0	
112	70	Brent Chems	97	+ 1	4.7	17.1
225	195	Br Vita	211	+ 1	3.8	16.9
261	192	Canning (W)	261	+ 1	4.8	20.7
460	401	Courtaulds	415	- 7	3.9	14.5
351	294	Croda	399	+ 4	3.0	14.9
290	200½	Deeflex	261		4.2	
296	246	Ellis & Everard	277	- 3	3.8	14.2
94	67	Euro Colour	72		5.1	
197	164	Gibbon	170		3.6	21.2
93	68	Hickson	70	+ 1	2.5	
2381½	1750	Hoechst	2216½	+ 21½	4.6	15.9
166	102	Holliday Chem	136	+ 2	4.7	11.4
959	759	ICI	795	+ 6	3.2	11.4
402	227½	Inspec	236	+ 7		27.6
147	111	Kalon	135		4.1	16.9
782	629	Laporte	689	+ 15	5.6	11.7
325	253	Manders	255		2.5	12.5
100	76	Meziston	91		3.2	64.4
37	27	Metrotect	27½		1.6	22.8
432	345	Porvair	410		3.5	13.3
252	221	Scapa	236	+ 1½	3.2	11.0
34	26	Sutcliffe Speak	29		0.7	16.4
1165½	927½	Takeda Chem	1143	+ 9	1.1	14.8
1133	960	Wolstenholme R	960		4.4	14.1
296	243	Yorks Chem	244		2.8	17.7
389	305	Yule Catto	358			

DISTRIBUTORS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
121	87	ABI Leis	95		5.7	11.3
465	365	Adam & Harvey	405		6.2	
18	14	Alexanders	16		2.3	
113	79	Appleyard	89		8.7	10.2
4	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.3	
630	505	BSS Group	619		4.1	17.1
38	23	Bandt	35		4.1	14.2
25	16	Bearing Power	23		6.8	16.4
45	23	Boyard 'A'	43	+ 2	1.1	

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	Alpine Hldg	7			
336	288	Anglogem	310		2.1	10.4
1056	834	Bowen (R)	834	- 15	3.2	17.5
345	229	BTR	325	- 7	1.1	10.8
480	477	BAT	478	+ 13	6.0	9.8
173	173½	Beresford Intl	162	+ 6	2.4	13.7
134	108	Booth	124	+ 2	6.4	8.6
98	53½	Brierley Inv	60	+ ½	7.7	3.7
972	317	Charter	836	- 5	4.1	12.4
315	243	Cookson	249	- 1	4.0	13.0
132	141	Coeur	153	- 3	6.2	11.6
281	204	DCC	259		3.2	10.6
143	113	Glynwed Hldg	115		6.6	12.8
281	158	Hanson	[illegible]			
172	129	Harcon Crofts	134	- 3	6.4	17.9
459½	379½	Hutch Whamp	459½	+ 9	2.2	20.8
583½	428½	Jardine Math	444	+ 5½	3.6	
311½	163	Lonrho	169	- 1½	3.6	19.9
191	164	McLeod Russell	173		4.2	14.7
472	369	Powell Duffryn	375	- 5	8.3	
140	110	Ropner	125		8.2	9.5
176	155	Sime Darby	158		2.7	15.9
232	185	Standby	188	- 1	6.1	12.5
146	116	Suter	125		7.5	10.1
358	284	TI Group	332	+ 1	2.5	17.0
294½	232½	Tomkins	254	+ 2	5.0	13.1
295	150	Unitech	190	- 48	11.5	6.5
474	385	Wardle Storeys	460		5.0	20.8
315	254	Wassall	271	- 1½	2.5	14.3
357	193	Whitecroft	287		3.0	14.7
356	310½	Williams Hldg	325	+ 1	5.5	15.8

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
737	514	East Midlands	546	- 1	7.2	8.1
473	380	London Elect	381	- 1	8.1	7.6
449	330	Midlands Elec	419		3.5	10.8
208	165	National Grid	180	+ 4	7.8	8.4
515	373	National Power	384	+ 4	7.5	7.3
473	242	Natl Power P/P	249	+ 3	7.5	7.3
724	499	Northern Elect	500		9.8	6.0
531	392	Nthn Ireland	398	+ 1	6.2	6.8
625	482	PowerGen	496		5.4	6.3
438	321	PowerGen (P/P)	345		6.4	6.3
372	205	Hydro-Elect	293		7.1	7.3
436	300	Scottish Power	316	+ 8	9.4	9.9
910	657½	Southern Elect	857½	- 7½	7.1	7.7
910	668½	Yorkshire Elect	858½	- 8½	7.4	8.1

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
562	639	Acatt	538		1.9	17.9
271	185	Acorn Comp	227	- 4		
[illegible]	153½	Adwest	[illegible]		0.8	32.6
210½	147½	Amstrad	182	+ 2	1.8	
72	33	Arlen	48	- 2	1.3	11.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Astec	127½	- 3	1.3	17.4
782	488	Atlin	685		6.7	
380	270	BICC	318	+ 5	4.8	
233	190	Bowden Hunter	194		8.7	19.7
598	445	BICC	514		3.3	14.0
484	380	Bowthorpe	418	+ 2½	2.8	18.2
34	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15¼		3.7	
132	103	CML Microsys	101		7.3	18.2
46	24	Chernel Hldgs	32		8.6	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Chloride	29½		1.9	17.3
92	60	Clayhithe	73		5.0	8.1
39	32½	Cray Elect	33			
662	529	Critchley	660		1.6	28.3
846	360	Dares Elec Syst	403	- 5	0.7	20.1
464	329	Dale	330	+ 1	6.1	16.5
460	347	Densen	347	- 1	3.8	44.6
75	64	Domino Mills	70		5.3	15.5
3600	1541	Druck	3413	- 12	0.5	36.5
3421½	2507½	Electrolux 'B'	3321½	+ 66½	3.7	9.1
38½	30½	Ensea	34		0.8	20.6
1516½	1125	Ericsson 'B'	1262½	+ 8½	1.4	22.1
82	64	Eurotherm	71	+ 1	4.3	12.4
645	515	Eurotherm	536	+ 1	2.3	20.1
487	228	Fairey Group	235		2.8	22.7
497	225	Filtronic Com	280	+ 3	0.4	30.3
273½	155	Forward Gp	220	+ 2	1.9	23.3
100	70	Forward Tech	70		4.9	18.3
560	341	GEC	385	+ 7½	4.3	
132	114	Greenby	115½		7.1	18.7
146	93½	Ind Control	124		3.8	20.0
55	32	Intek	32	- ½	3.1	40.6
131	95	Kode	102	+ 5	1.2	10.3
50	34	LPA Ind	51		4.6	11.2
280	280	MTL Ind	290		2.1	17.8
150	39	Magnum Power	42	- 1		
298	249	Menvier-Swain	252	- 2	2.6	15.8
75	54	Microvitec	55	+ 1	2.0	17.2
472	340	Mitel	340	+ 16		
40	26	Neotronics	48	+ 3	2.3	
543	405	Oxford Inst	482	+ 3	1.7	17.3
180	122	Pace Systems	120		3.0	
131	87	Psion	[illegible]		3.5	18.1
2769½	1833½	Philips Lmp nv	2008½	+ 128½	3.1	7.0
239	141	Plessey	183	+ 3	2.4	11.2
194	146	Pressac	177½		2.5	18.6
54	33	Prestech				28.1
478	236½	Psion	410	+ 16	0.6	
348	[illegible]	Race Elect	300	+ 6	2.4	19.2
103	78	Radamec	86		3.5	17.8
391	271	Ranford	365	+ 67	0.6	15.8
588	387	Rexiclems	[illegible]		1.8	19.5
8	1¾	Richco	3			
310	266	Rodime	300	+ 6	2.8	13.7
437	317	Sevenoaks	379	+ 3	2.3	21.9
92	62	Simsales	80	+ 1	1.8	19.1
43	27	Soundtracs	27½		4.2	
3980½	3003½	TDK	3450	- 12½	0.8	
28	6	TDS Circuits	23½			
115	94	TBI	114	+ 1	3.4	13.1
168	135	TLG	157	+ 1	3.4	15.4
79	48	Tadpole Tech	58	+ 1		
134	70	Telemetrix	71		2.5	15.5
870	423	Telspec	430		1.6	24.0
246	208	Thorpe FW	208		2.4	12.6
76	20	Total Systems	38		3.5	22.5
380	276	Tunstall	278		2.1	15.2
16½	9½	Verity	11½	+ 1	1.6	12.7
273	212	Vero	212	- 2	3.0	22.0
460	[illegible]	Vexx	466		5.6	13.8
36	17½	Wholesome	28			
172	124	Whessoe	124		4.1	18.7

ENGINEERING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
383	277	AIM	334		1.7	88.0
85½	58	APV	60	+ ½	6.6	17.2
99	70	ASW	72	- 2	6.9	
457	395	Alvis	405	- 9	2.2	17.9
175	106	Alvis	109		2.6	7.3
201	170	Ash & Lacy	174		4.8	14.2
838	638	Atlas Eqmt	703	- 6	3.8	18.6
148	113	Ayrshire Metal	113		8.1	6.7
351	284	BBA	297	+ 1	2.5	20.1
163	133	BWI	142		3.9	12.9
145	88	Babcock	88		3.4	
8½	6	Bailey (CH)	8			
144	98	Baynes (Charles)	135½	- 2	2.3	20.3
39	24	Beaufort	32	- 1	1.8	
80	38	Benson Group	48	+ 4		
105	98	Billam	94		7.0	
564	403	Bodycote	518		1.6	23.9
46	35½	Booth Inds	46			
26½	17	Boxmore	25		4.2	
130	88	Brake	100	- 2	5.5	22.0
998	787	Br Aerospace	946	+ 14	1.7	23.4
201	161	Br Steel	165½	- 1½	7.5	4.5
15½	11½	Brooke Tool	14½	- ½	2.6	13.2
38	29	Brunel	30½	- ½	2.0	11.6
113	84	Bullough	98	- 1	7.6	30.8
143	82	Burndept	120	- 1	2.4	14.5
315	247	Carclo Eng	251	+ 3½	5.5	12.0
235	171	Castings	228		2.4	15.3
173	140	Chamberlin Hill	150		6.2	9.6
455	358	Chemring	378		3.7	14.8
290	186	Clyde Blowers	280		3.2	58.0
687	471	Cobham	611		2.0	
665	580	Cohen (A)	580		2.6	7.3
194	164	Concentric	168		5.0	11.6
268	215	Cook (Wm)	250	- 2	4.1	9.4
236	190	David Brown	210		4.5	13.7
385	321	ERS	321	- 2	5.1	
31	17	Elecso	18	- 1	1.7	10.1
121	74	Elliott (B)	109	- 3	3.4	10.8
102	86	Expamet	93		4.9	18.8
181	153	FKI	172	+ 2	3.8	18.0
179	130	Fenner	146		3.2	14.0
8½	1½	Ferrum	1½	+ ½		
69½	38	Firth Hldgs	58	+ 1		
63½	55½	Firth Rixson	63		2.2	26.1
152	130	GEI Int	136		4.0	13.4
222	176½	Garton Eng	184		4.6	7.3
373	315	Glynwed	342	+ 4	4.7	13.4
17	12	Graystone	12½		5.6	8.3
103	71½	Haden MacLn	71½		5.6	13.2
298	181	Hadleigh	240	+ 1	3.0	
270	177	Hall Eng	253		4.0	17.4
201	166	Halma	175		1.8	20.4
62	43	Hampson Ind	56	- 1	5.2	22.1
53	43	Hay (Norman)	48			27.6
51	28	Headway	34		1.1	30.8
117	87	Hill & Smith	87		8.4	9.5
41	31	Hopkinsons	35	- 1	5.2	
42	34	How Gp	37		3.8	25.7
76	65½	Howden	70		5.3	
232	142	Hunting	142	- 1	8.8	12.3
385	311	IMI	370	+ 2	3.9	22.6
664	510	Johnson Matthey	579	+ 4	3.0	16.8
60	43	Jones Stroud	54	+ 1	2.3	8.8
635	440	Kelsey Ind	446		6.7	8.9
286	205	Lincat	205	- 3	5.0	17.4
38	23½	Locker (T)	37½		3.2	16.7
47½	34	ML Hdgs	38		4.6	
36	25	MS Int	35		3.0	25.8
329	222	Meng Broom	327		1.1	14.3
524	399	McKechnie	473	+ 2	4.5	14.2
106½	84	Meggitt	95		5.2	19.3
116½	99	Metalrax	102	- 2	4.5	15.7
113	88	Molins	104	+ 6	4.0	13.8
1037	765	Molins	948		2.6	
447	384	Morgan Cble	417	+ 6	4.1	16.5
290	254	Morris Ashby	280	+ 2½	3.3	
55	44	Neepsend	46		4.8	8.7
21	12½	OMI Int	19	+ ½		
481	374	Powerscreen	475	+ 1	2.4	15.7
6½	4	Prospect Inds	5		3.1	

ENGINEERING/VEHICLES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
151	109	Adwest	122	+ 1	8.0	34.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Airflow Stream	[illegible]		4.2	7.2
677	473	Avon Rubber	663		3.4	16.2
[illegible]	57½	BSG	[illegible]		4.6	15.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.5	14.4
[illegible]	18	Boxford	[illegible]		2.1	
387	175	CH1	283	- 1	3.8	
515	431	First Tech	548	+ 11	2.1	
1044	778	GKN	1029	+ 4	2.9	18.6
3600	2975	General Mtr	2975		3.5	
669	497	Henlys	605	- 33	2.5	17.8
1758½	1317½	Honda Motor	1567½	- 27½	0.5	
502	386	Laird	454	+ 4	3.3	13.2
485	[illegible]	Lucas	465		8.3	
256	172	Lucas	211	- 1	4.2	27.6
130½	91	Mayflower	101½		2.6	40.2
150	145	Syltone	180		3.5	
187	127	T & N	138	+ 3	5.8	8.3
400	354	Tordy Hldgs	355		2.9	17.3

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
420	355	AB Food	396	- 4	2.8	14.1
384	318	Acatos & Hutch	338	- 18	4.7	19.5
63	43½	Albert Fisher	44½	- ½	10.5	11.1
385	275	Banks (S C)	385		4.3	11.4
343	313	Barr (AG)	323		3.3	24.6
40	21	Bensons Crisp	28			71.9
488	350	Booker	380	+ 3	7.0	13.9
37	29	Brodwick	37		4.4	16.8
408	366	CPL Aromas	373		1.8	20.3
567	460½	Cadbury-Schw	487	+ 4	4.8	16.6
88	63	Canadian Pizza	77		7.8	13.0
340	286	Carrs Milling	303		3.7	10.8
112	79	Cawgshan	112	- 8	3.5	10.4
183	90	Continental Fds	100			
189	171	Dalepak	171		8.4	11.6
444	342	Dalgety	345	- 2	6.6	10.4
41	31	Daniels S	31			
273	224	Devro	236	- 4	4.3	12.9
90	61	Finlay (James)	86		4.5	24.9
29	16½	Global	21		4.8	42.8
337	278	Greencore	315	+ 4	4.4	11.3
114	99	Hazlewood Fds	110		2.6	13.2
187	126	Hillsdown	171½	+ 5	8.1	
68	53	JLI Group	55	+ 5	5.5	12.0
410	310	Linton Park	360		10.3	
128½	95	Matthews (B)	106		4.8	16.1
231	212	Nichols (V)	228	+ 1	3.8	14.2
205	171	Nthn Foods	178	- 1	6.3	11.3
13½	10½	Nthn Fs	11½		1.8	8.8
118	108	Pascoe's	115			
11	6	Perrys	10			
87	78	Parkers Food	85		8.8	14.1
65	52	Pam & Sons	58		5.8	
17	14	StarPerfect	14			
283	96	Sardy Fams	219	- 3	2.0	13.9
42	18	Shan Food	38		12.9	9.7
588	448	Tate & Lyle	483	+ 1	4.5	9.4
170	116	Tomlinson	129	+ 2	2.4	10.6
525	364	Unigate	480	+ 1	6.9	12.2
1377	1172½	Unilever	1234	- 2	3.6	
9980	8975	Unilever (NV)	9134½	+ 50	2.8	
274	210½	Utd Biscuits	230	- 2	5.6	
34	26	WT Foods	29		8.8	36.4
82	63	Yorkshire Food	66		7.5	3.7

HEALTHCARE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1071	818	Amersham	978		2.3	18.4
40	30	Anagen	38			
185	120	Assoc Nursgh	151		0.7	13.1
440	315	Baxrakt	415		3.3	6.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
116	74	Care UK	108		1.8	17.8
151	102	Celsis	131			
330	243	Consensity H	322		3.6	16.0
31	24½	CrossCare	31		3.8	
28	17	Eminecon				
115	88	Fermis Group	112		3.0	11.2
148	111	Goldsborough	134	- 11	3.3	13.3
11½	8½	Greencore	11½			
946	773	Huntlgh Tech	900		1.1	30.3
130	58	Inlocare Grp	107	+ 3	2.5	13.9
310	[illegible]	Isotron	314		2.3	15.6
120½	88	Life Sciences	104		3.3	13.1
188	108	Lex Ind	113		1.9	28.1
109	71	Medic-DNA	91		4.2	16.2
14	8	Premier Hlth	9			
340	277	Quality Care	298		2.1	10.8
270	194	Scholl	259		3.4	18.3
513	395	Seton Health	482		2.0	22.8
174	108	Shield Diag	123	+ 14		
846½	678	Smith & Nephew	208½	+ 2½	3.5	20.8
27	16	Specialeyes	19		5.9	6.5
180	130	Tafon	146		2.3	10.2
9½	3	Toccata			3.0	10.0
288	222½	UniChem	265	+ 3	3.0	13.7
337	285	West Hillcare	286	- 3	2.4	13.5

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

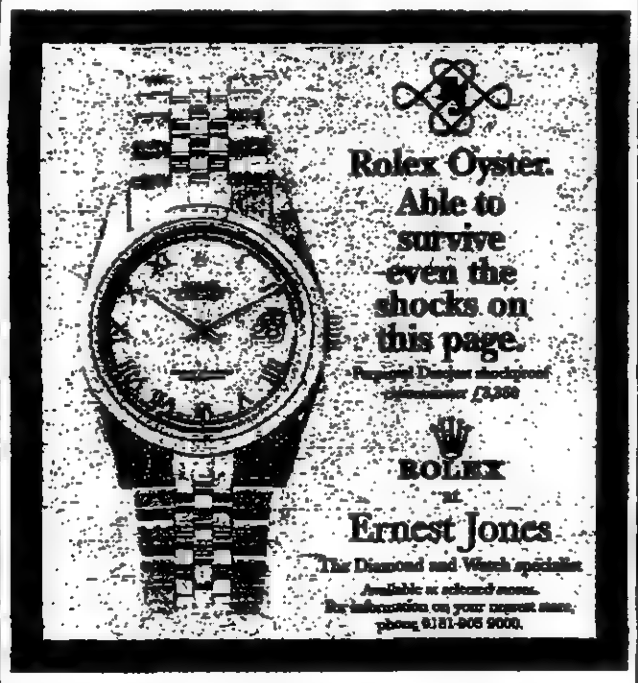
High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
256	192	Airsprung	240		2.8	17.3
385	323	Alba	344	+ 4	3.1	
[illegible]	20	Amtrad	[illegible]		6.9	9.8
125	85	BLP Group	118		3.8	10.4
[illegible]	40	Bilton Stewart	70			24.8
50	37	Black Arrow	39		9.9	8.8
263	233	Black (Peter)	258		2.5	16.2
136	81	Coats Vla 'A'	128		8.8	
122	81	Creighton Nt	75		12.8	8.4
163	87	Dalkeith	110		7.8	
273	178	Dixby Group	218		6.8	28.0
111	87	Eclipse Blinds	102	+ 1	1.2	
22	14	Elbief	21	+ 1		
159	130	Gaskell	145		3.8	12.7
538	433	HMP Intl	505		2.3	
35	25	Jourdan (T)	33		4.7	24.7
278	198	Ransomes App	235		8.6	
30	10	Llanbush	10½			
195	121	McBride	128	- 1	6.5	13.8
287	256	Maylands	256		3.1	15.4
733	285	Osborne & Little	710		2.1	16.6
465	441	Paterson Zch	458	- 2	4.1	14.2
397	370	Paterson Zch 'A'	395	- 6	4.9	11.3
254	184	Pifco	228		2.8	14.6
249	174	Pifco 'A' Vtg	228		2.9	13.7
730	617	Reckitt Colm	688	+ 1	3.6	15.1
349	272	Relyon	337		3.3	17.9
386	247	Royal Doulton	265	- 3	4.2	12.5
257	175	Silentnight	256	+ 2	4.8	18.4
28	16	Stoddard	19	- ½	4.6	
305	252	Stoves	282		2.1	20.2
208	165	Toolsearch	173		6.4	15.4
96	75	Victoria Carpet	80		2.7	35.7
102	80	Walker Greenbk	98		4.6	16.1
87	59½	Watford Wdgard	78½	- ½	2.8	
203	175	Wood (Arthur)	203		4.6	12.5

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1431¼	1093½	Alex & Alex	1093½	- 6½	0.6	
2487½	2162½	Am Gen	2294½	- 30	3.7	
122	87	Angerstein	118		3.5	68.8
88	50	Archer	72	+ 3	1.7	
78	64	Bradstock	78		10.4	13.1
821	708	Britannic	767	+ 14	2.5	30.5
130	88	CLM Insce	117		4.4	64.8
638	500	Cmrcl Union	571	+ 18	6.2	7.4
142	111	Cox Insce	140			39.4
1855	1545	Dam & Gen	1845		2.4	17.6
221½	185½	FBD IC	217	+ ½	4.1	
159	93	Fenchurch Grp	97		11.0	8.7
129	105	Finsbury Under	125	- 1	1.7	83.2
698	612	Gen Accident	623	+ 3	6.2	6.4
292	216	GRE	235	+ 4	4.8	3.1
116	88	HCG Lloyds	115		3.4	20.1
115	74	Heath C E	92		8.2	23.2
390½	237½	Hibernian IC	302½	+ 6½	3.8	
133	103	Hiscox Select	130		2.3	33.7
507	373	Independent	483		3.0	9.2
271	[illegible]	[illegible]	235	+ 5½	6.2	23.3
119	97	[illegible]	112		8.4	23.0
113	97	JSH Capital	112		4.5	
740	661	Legal & Gen	687	+ 5	4.4	17.3
2450	1765½	Liberty Life	1978½	+ 65½	0.9	6.8
194	163	Lloyd Thmp	180	- 2	6.4	10.6
549	444	Lloyds Abbey	514	+ 3	5.2	12.9
433	341	Londn & Man	348	+ 5	8.7	
134	100	London Ins Mkt	130	- 1	3.3	34.3
153	131	Lowndes Lmb	133		8.2	18.8
6565½	5487½	Marsh McLnd	5659	- 20½	3.7	
115	98	Medlicott	114		3.5	35.8
286	146	Nelson Hurst	186		5.2	12.5
107	82	New London Capl	106	- 1	3.5	28.6
100	54	Oldham	62		5.2	35.4
192	105	Oriel	132		5.1	
97	81½	Premium Trust	93		4.7	22.2
149	171	Premium Under	139			
464	403	Prudential	418½	+ 5½	4.7	18.5
31½	9½	PWS	21		3.9	9.7
540	428	Refuge	430	- 11	3.8	27.7
458	339	Royal	363		6.6	6.4
152	114	Sedgwick	125	+ 1	7.2	9.5
48	33	Steel Burrill	35		14.4	4.5
434	349	Sun Alliance	382	+ 6	6.6	6.9
243	216	Sun Life & P	221			
115	80½	Syndicate Cap	112	- 1	3.1	32.0
846	705	Utd Friendly	835		4.3	6.7
168	130	Willis Corroon	149	+ 3	5.5	13.5
26	15	Windsor	21		3.0	20.2

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
471½	406	3i	423	+ 7	2.4	35.4
229	195	Aberforth Smlr	217		3.1	41.3
128	99	Aberforth Sm Wts	116			
92½	71½	Abtrust Emerg	81½		0.6	
78½	69	Abtrust High Inc	67½	+ 1	13.0	9.4
246	212	Abtrust N Dawn	218		0.7	
2235	2023	Alliance	2103	+ 8	3.2	36.3
332	283	American Trust	298	+ 3½	2.3	50.6
519	463	Anglo & O'seas	472	+ 7	2.8	52.1
98	76	Asst Dscp	92		0.3	
144	132½	Baillie Gifford SN	133½			
238	205	Bankers	207½	- ½	2.7	41.7
65½	37½	Barng Em Eu	53			
388	364	Barng Tribne	372		2.4	48.4
95	91½	Br Assets	94½	+ ¼	6.1	19.7
112	94	Br Empire Sec	101	+ 1	1.2	73.7
236	221	Br Ind	222	+ 1	3.1	34.4



INVESTMENT TRUSTS (continued)

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
235	201	Graham Castle	[illegible]			
31	29	Greenfriar	[illegible]			
223	197	Candover	[illegible]			
246	111	Capital Gearing	[illegible]			
48½	36½	Dartmoor	[illegible]			
195	185	Drayton Asia	[illegible]			
179	161	Dunedin Inc	[illegible]			
266	238	Edin US Tst	[illegible]			
252	222	English & Intl	[illegible]			
136	101	Exmoor Dual	[illegible]			
42	35	F&C Eurotrust	[illegible]			
193	168	F&C Ger Sm	[illegible]			
142	113	F&C Pacific	[illegible]			
127	100	Fleming Am	[illegible]			
165	131	Fleming Claver	[illegible]			
123	100	Fleming Ent	[illegible]			
118	99	Fleming Far E	[illegible]			
188	159	Fleming Jap	[illegible]			
141	117	Fleming Mercs	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
211	171	Gartmore Eur	[illegible]			
108	91	Gartmore Smr	[illegible]			
235	209	Govett Orntl	[illegible]			
228	210	Govett Strtgc	[illegible]			
58	44	Greenfriar	[illegible]			
51	40	HTR Jap Smlr	[illegible]			
225	190	Henderson Eurtrst	[illegible]			
218	183	Henderson High	[illegible]			
71	61	Henderson Strat	[illegible]			
258	219	Henderson Smllr	[illegible]			
76½	65	Invesco Asia	[illegible]			
137	108	INVESCO Korea	108½	+ ¼		
60½	52	INVESCO Tokyo	52½	+ ¼		
95½	69	J Fry 2nd U	71	- ½	12.1	8.8
97	65	J Fry Euro U	74½		7.4	13.6
288	224	JF Fledg Jap	242			
94	74	Jupiter Ex Inc	77		12.7	8.4
7	4	Jupiter Ex Inc	5			
83	70	Jupiter Grd Capt	72		10.6	9.1
29	24½	Jupiter Grd Pfd	27			
126	108	Jupiter Intl Grth	117		4.0	
282	252	Kleinwort Chrt	269½	+ 3½	2.8	46.8
130	114	Klwrt E Mkt	114½			
[illegible]	114	Klwrt Eur	147	- 1		
95	88	Klwrt Euro Pvt	88½	+ ½	3.1	38.7
[illegible]	79½	Klwrt Euro Wts	[illegible]			
87	74	Klwrt N Inc	74½	+ ½		
273	209	Klwrt Ovrsas	252½		14.1	8.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	203	+ 2	1.7	71.4
172	136	Klwrt Smlr	154	- 2	2.7	45.6
611	521½	Korea-Euro	529½	+ 5	8.1	
110½	85½	Latin American	102	+ 1½		
1035	919	Law Debenture	921		3.0	22.8
117	96	Lloyds Sm Cop	114½			
27	12½	Lloyds Sm Dv	22½		20.7	6.0
142	128	Lloyds Sm Pfg	138		3.5	
174	151	Lon St Lawrence	151		6.2	25.3
353	280	Lowland	291		4.4	26.4
640	580	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	586	+ 5		
114	97	M&G 2nd Dual Inf	91	+ 1		3.3
3130	2880	M&G Dual Cap	2980			
235	173	M&G Dual Inc	193			2.4
86	85	M&G Inc Growth	83½		11.9	
34	27½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	28	+ ½		
38	34	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	37½		24.8	
130	122	M&G Inc Package	124	+ ½	5.3	
68½	65½	M&G Inc Zero Div	68½	+ ¼		
25	21	M&G Rec Cap	22½			
50	44½	M&G Rec Geared	46½		11.8	
28	23	M&G Rec Inc	24½	+ ½	21.8	4.5
140	126	M&G Rec Pack	139		3.9	
97	86	M&G Rec Zero Div	93½	+ ½		
344	114	M Currie Euro	134½	+ ½	8.7	
112	99	M Currie Japan	99			
162	143	M Currie Pac	154	+ 1	8.7	
242	222	Majedie	224		3.5	34.5
282	235	Marchmont	259	+ 2	6.8	19.7
102	91	Mercury Euro Pr	96½	+ ½	2.4	37.8
35	22½	Mercury Eur Wt	29½			
119	92	Mercury Wrld	95½	+ 1	1.3	72.2

LEISURE & HOTELS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
525½	361	Airtours	482	+ 4	3.7	13.0
48	37	Ald Leis	38			14.5
65	43	Arcadian	48		2.6	76.1
173	125	BS Group	170		3.3	
125	113	Baldwin	114		4.9	7.6
238	217	Barr & Wall	226		5.6	17.8
283	204	Bluebird Toys	224	- 8	4.8	9.0
758	498	Boosey Hwks	738		1.2	34.8
2	1¼	Brent Walker	1½			
38	31	Burndene	32½		7.3	13.2
248	195	Capital Corpn	216	- 1	4.7	26.1
8½	5½	Chrysalis	7	- ½		13.0
251	179	Eurocamp	182		7.7	8.5
182	138	Euro Disney	171	+ 1		
163	140	Euro Leisure	165	+ 2		4.6
20	13	Eurocypros	13	+ 1		
8½	6½	First Choice	7	+ 1	7.1	
480	347	First Leisure	352		2.8	30.3
198	142	Friendly Hotels	164	+ 11	2.3	21.0
857	619	Granada	787	- 2	1.9	18.3
37	25	Hi-Tec Sports	35			
287	148	Headway	281		2.7	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	85	- 4	2.3	17.8
282	201	Jarvis Hotels	280½	- 7½	3.8	
31½	23½	Kalon	27	- ½	3.8	32.7
197	143	Ladbroke	189½	- ½	4.2	28.0
573	425	London Clubs	530	+ 1	3.7	17.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Man Int	439	- 5	1.4	13.8
89½	77½	Macdonald Grd	80½	+ ½	3.9	19.6
348	278	Millennium & Cop	330	+ 4	1.9	
142	88	Northern	124	- 2	4.0	14.1
146	114	Pearl Leisure	140	+ 2	5.3	
38	25	Queensborough	31	+ ½		
32	11½	Queens Moat	12½	- 1½		3.9
547	442	Rank Org	478	+ 12	4.1	15.3
47	31	Ryan Hotels	44		4.4	
1380	938	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1300		1.3	53.8
215	175	Sinclair (Wm)	180		3.2	12.8
115	92	Stakis	108		2.3	21.0
583	335	Stanley Leisure	480	+ 6	1.7	23.8
29½	11½	Trechon	25			
346	[illegible]	[illegible]	346		1.5	
588	223½	Tottenham Hot A	454	- 4	1.2	8.3
120	85	Toy Options	97	+ 2	2.4	12.1
358	257	VCI	342	- 1	2.6	19.8
138	104	Vardon	114	+ 2	1.8	15.1
[illegible]	305	Wembley	333			74.9
130	118	Zetters Gp	124		10.1	16.8

MEDIA

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
610	435	Abbott Mead	597		1.9	30.5
385	174	Adscene	174		6.1	9.0
59½	37½	Argus Gp	56	+ ½		28.3
18	14	BBB Design	16			
425	273	Barbour Index	369	+ 4	3.1	56.5
9	5¼	Belotsie	5			
348	325	Black (A&C)	330		5.3	12.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	443	+ 5	3.8	21.4
310	248	Border TV	266	- 1	2.7	
410	355	Bristol	410		4.3	21.9
406½	376	BSkyB	406	+ 2	1.3	43.2
188	133	CIA Gp	150		1.1	21.2
27	19½	Caledonian Med	24			
724	533	Capital Radio	620	- 1	2.2	23.4
[illegible]	359½	Carlton Comm	478	+ 4	2.7	15.9
860	383	Chrysalis	593		0.7	

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
5175	3800	Ang Am Coal	4675	- 37½	3.4	
4998½	3690½	Ang Am	3742½	- 53½	2.8	
7387½	5137½	Ang Am Gold	5746½	- 53½	2.8	
27½	13½	Anglo Pac Resrc	22½			
37	23	Aroon Intl	34	- 1		
1869½	1146	Ashanti	1171½	- 6½	2.1	15.1
127	82	Ashton	89	- 1	6.3	
595	275	Billyrichs	363	- 3		
688½	520½	Bestin	524½	- 3	3.7	
41	25½	Bruche	33	- 1	2.9	41.1
145½	108½	Blyvoors	116½			
36	26	Bougainville	32	- 2		
21½	8½	Bracken	16		4.6	
2½	1	Butte	1½			
1142	659	CRA	859	- 8	3.5	19.2
320	92	Central Pacific	215	- 10		
191	115	Cons Murchison	132		3.9	4.3
2269½	1937½	De Beers	2043½	- 6½	2.4	24.1
85½	51½	Deelkraal	64½	- 1½	1.1	
1109½	803½	Driefontein	863½	- 3½	2.5	
740	545	Durban	597½	- 3½		
191	147½	E Rand Gold	157½	- 1½	12.1	8.2
77½	51	E Rand Prop	56½	- 2		
192	62	Eastern Trans	160		1.2	
475½	317½	Elandsrand	363½	+ 2	2.4	41.2
380	239	Eng China Cl	243	- 11	8.8	11.4
777½	489½	FS Cons	574		1.2	
58	39	FS Dev	48		2.6	
2542½	1789½	GFSA	1788½		1.8	26.8
86	60	Gold Tongue	62		3.3	
262½	215	Gencor	227½	+ 12½	1.3	24.2
170	120	Gold Fields Prop	120		7.4	9.1
17	12½	Greenvale	13½			
264	140	Grootvlei	151	- 1		
205½	103	Gwalia Cons	152½	- ½	0.7	27.8
287½	198½	Harmony	270	+ 4½	1.3	
295½	192½	Hartbees	229½	+ 3½		
1109	871½	Impala Plat	875	+ 8½	2.4	17.5
118	80	Kalotop	98		15.0	7.2
983½	818½	Kinross	794½	- 12½	1.5	
879½	685½	Kloof	641½	- 8½	2.3	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	97½	- ½	5.1	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	250½	- 14½		
46	15	Lonrho Reso	31	- 3		
41	26	MIM	33	- 1	3.4	
128	75	Minorco	1375		2.0	
182	112	Minorah	132	- 2		
197	142	Minorsign	145		2.1	35.4
146	79	NSW	84	+ 1		
211	170	Nth Bkn Hill	170	- 5		23.3
318	213	Palabora Tpr	318	- 3	8.3	
136	77	Placer Pac	112	- 1	2.5	
645	380	RJB	500	- 3	3.8	7.7
1055	813	RTZ	894	+ 4	3.7	13.0
94	46	Rand Mines	98		8.3	8.2
135½	27½	Randfontein	112	- 4	10.8	8.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	395½	- 3	4.8	29.0
349	277	Renison	277	- 3	2.8	18.0
1470½	840½	Rustnbrg	953½	- 8½	3.4	20.8
46	37	St Barbara	37		4.1	8.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	St Helena	355½	- 2	5.0	15.8
588	350	Sons Gwalia	407	- 13	3.1	24.6
130	35	Sthrn Pacific	85	- 5		
3940½	1721½	Southvaal	2340½	- 12½	3.8	33.5
185½	48½	Stilfontein	88½	- 8	6.4	18.4
386½	188½	Unisel	250½	- 1½	3.2	25.8
7485½	4065½	Vaal Reefs	5548½	+ 21½	2.9	34.7
17½	14½	Wankie Col Z	16½		9.0	
4	1	Water Hall	3½			
520	320	Welkom Gold	500		3.7	16.4
3685½	2112½	Western Deep	2805½	- 9½	2.0	50.2
519½	384	Western Ming	421½	+ 2½	2.4	24.3
732½	450	Winkelhaak	598½	+ 8½	2.5	31.2
48	30	Zambia Copper	34½	- ½		
48	30	Zaratan	38			6.5

OIL & GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
77	51	Abbot Group	74			1.3
3	2¼	Alliance Res	2½			
50½	44	Aec Oil & Gas	49½			
25	16	Ariko Pet	23½			
604	471½	BP Amoco	534	+ 12	1.8	26.0
247½	171½	British Gas	186½	+ 1½	9.7	3.4
661	512½	Br Petroleum	592½	+ 7½	3.5	17.5
3½	1½	Bula Resources	2½			
1084	883	Burmah Castrol	995	- 11	4.2	14.0
308	116	Cairn Energy	278½	- ½		
262	202	Calor Gp	234		6.7	15.4
71	65	Clyde Pet	63		2.3	20.6
10½	7½	Coplex Res	8½	+ ½		
1½	1¼	Dragon Oil	1¼	- ½		
23	20	Edin Oil & Gs	20		1.6	13.9
488	353	Enterprise	470½	+ 16½	4.2	28.2
8	6½	Fortune	8½			44.5
21	11½	Gt Western Res	16			
264	186	Hardy Oil	250		8.5	
8½	4	Intl Tool & Sup	4½			
191	130	JKX Oil & Gas	170	- 1		
198	183	LASMO	173	+ 1	8.7	
41	31	Lasmo Ords	41		21.5	
78	57½	Monument	67½	- ½		34.6
3321½	2687½	Norsk Hydro	3044½	+ 25	2.0	9.2
27	17	Oceanics	19			
67	53	Oil Search	63	+ 1		
46½	27½	Petrox	30½	+ ½		
23	12	Premier	20		2.2	11.2
36	32	Pittencrieff Re	42	- 2	1.5	
643	379	Ramco Egypt	355		8.2	
583	280	Ranger	470		4.4	7.8
£101½	8749½	Royal Dtch Pt	9753½		3.8	18.9
5918½	4293½	Schlumberger	5308½	- 40½	1.8	
95	71	Saxilvic	72			
956	822	Shell	925	+ 7½	4.5	19.3
4686½	4109½	Total	4096½	+ 46½	3.3	16.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	379	+ 1	1.1	
28	15	XCL	16			

OTHER FINANCIAL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
143	99	Aberdeen Trst	99		3.5	19.5
118	77	BWD	111		6.1	12.0
48	34½	Berry Birch Nbl	40		2.5	
395	282	Brewin Inv	284	+ 4		
265	151	Brewin Dolphin	198		4.4	13.9
905	700	Caledonia	731		3.1	21.7
2500	1700	Camellia	2450		1.7	20.4
276	213	Cattles	234		3.7	16.8
42	18	Christie	38			
147	98	EFT Group	115		2.3	13.7
725	649	EFM	640		4.9	15.6
118	85	Exco	86		13.2	10.3

PHARMACEUTICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	BZ EuroChAA	[illegible]			
715	360	Cantab Pharm	395	- 19		
530	470	Celltech	485	+ 6		
560	270	Chiroscience	317			
467	366	Cortecs	403			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Glaxo Wellcome	859	+ 8	4.3	17.7
216	228	Medeva	254	- 1	2.3	13.2
215	199	Peptide Ther	199			
626	526	Scotia	662	- 13		
392	157	Shire Pharm	240	- 9		
20	[illegible]	ShyePharm	[illegible]			
[illegible]	628½	SmithKline	667	- 3½	2.7	18.5
630	435	Vanguard	456	- 3		
1474	1216	Zeneca	1359	+ 3	2.8	22.4

PRINTING & PAPER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	130	AG Holdings	152		4.7	12.5
695	542	API	618	- 3	1.9	22.2
[illegible]	91	Arjo Wiggins	110			
[illegible]	164	Arjo Wiggins	176	- 1	9.3	15.5
[illegible]	139	Aspen Comm	191	- 1	4.1	11.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bemrose	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bunzl	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bowater	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Chapman Ind	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	De La Rue	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Delyn Group	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fenner Group	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Filofax	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Harrisons	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jarvis Porter	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Low & Bonar	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	McCorquodale	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Polypipe	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Porter Chadburn	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	St Ives Gp	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Shorewood	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Smith (David S)	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Smurfit (Jeff)	[illegible]			
294	168	Wace	[illegible]		4.1	10.0
250	196	Waddington (J)	242		4.9	13.9
491	428	Watmough	415		2.3	16.6
243	160	Wyndeham	350		3.0	19.0

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
74	57	Allied Lon	63½	- 1	7.9	7.1
353	313	Argent	347	- 2		18.2
80	57½	Artesian Ests	69		2.7	
148	115	Asda	128		2.4	32.8
42	37	Ashquay Gp	48			
236	206	Bilton	213		6.1	14.8
176	148	Bolsby	176		5.3	12.1
25	13	Bolton Gp	16			
47	38	Boome End	42		3.6	37.0
240	207	Bradford	209	+ 1	4.7	17.8
445	376	Br Land	429	+ 10	2.5	35.7
188	185	Brixton	188	+ 1	8.5	15.3
142½	102½	Burford	129		1.9	42.5
106	82	C&S Hldgs	107		6.1	18.7
173	148	Cap & Regnl	173		1.7	31.7
240	215	Cap Shop Ctrs	263	+ 2	3.3	27.8
190	145	Cardiff Prop	165		1.9	26.3
19½	11½	Carlisle	11½			
14	9	Carlton Ind	11½			
209½	170½	Chelsfield	265		1.3	40.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	483		3.7	22.2
136	96	Chesterton Int	106	+ 1	3.6	15.5
42	32½	City Site Ests	39			
8½	6	Clarke Nickolls	8½	- ½	5.2	8.1
140	100	Compco	139		3.0	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	230		8.3	25.2
1215	1125	Daejan	1200		3.8	
3½	1½	Dares Estates	1½	- ½		
58	39	Dencora Trust	48		3.9	
165	136	Dencora	153		3.3	11.8
370	307	Derwent Hldgs	365		1.9	31.1
194	167	Development Sec	188		1.6	26.0
48	25	Dwyer	44		3.3	12.0
106	85	Edge Properties	100			
408	340	Estates Agency	380		5.6	28.6
46	36	Estates Gen	46			
124	104	Evans Of Leeds	115		3.3	17.9
15	9	Ex-Lands Prop	13		6.9	
97	55	Fazell Prop	65		4.8	28.6
26½	22	Five Oaks	25½		3.7	12.1
56	19	Fletcher King	50		8.7	
58	39	Follies Group	48		3.3	5.8
6	3	Follies Group wr	4		3.5	
510	483	Frogmore	495		4.7	22.9
295	228	Grainger	290		1.8	20.5
182	161	Gt Portland	167	+ 1	8.7	17.3
183	133	Greycoat	133	- 1	0.8	
85	36	Hambro Cntryd	71	- 2		
400	330½	Hammerson	355	- 4	3.6	23.2
383	314	Helical Bar	380		2.4	13.6
45	23½	Hemingway	37		2.3	17.2
15	[illegible]	High-Point	30			
156½	118	HK Land	143½	+ 2	5.2	18.1
170	160	Jermyn	161		3.5	27.7
1	0½	Kendall	0½			
39	14	LSH	23			
138	116	Lands Inv	130	+ 1		
670	589	Land Sec	640		5.3	18.0
298	269	London Indl	269		6.0	
37	28½	Lon & Assoct	34½		2.6	18.5
6	3	Lon & Metro	5½			
94	66	Lon Merch Sect	86½		3.6	
436	389½	MEPC	402	+ 2	8.2	20.7
8	3½	McInerney A	7½			
138	122	McKay Secs	126		5.2	18.0
75	60	Marnole Mn	62		8.1	6.5
33	26	Moorfield Est	30		3.1	39.0
1100	975	Mountview	1100		3.1	
118	116½	Muckiow (A&J)	118½		7.0	15.8
45	30	OEM	37			5.9
68	62	OAS	64			
65	22	Omen Prop	62		1.9	21.3
156	126	PBT	137		5.1	19.0
459	308	Peel	408	+ 1	2.0	
181	143	Pillar Prop	181		3.6	46.6
3	2	Power Corp	2			
4½	2½	Premier Land	3			
39	22	Raglan	35½		5.2	16.8
33	20½	Regalian	32½		1.9	22.5
173	123	Rowlinson Secs	160		2.0	
98	84	Rugby Est	94		2.9	23.7
61	55	St Modwen Prp	58		4.5	9.6
63	53	Saville Gron (A)	56		6.9	13.1
94	82	Savills	84	+ 3	4.3	
85	70	Scot Mkt	78		4.3	13.0
148	124	Slattembury	148		1.5	20.2
240	192½	Slough Estates	214	+ 2	3.0	19.6
275	203	Smart (J)	208		3.5	9.2
31	31½	Southend Prop	33	+ 1½	9.7	
130	96	Speclty Shops	118		2.6	35.0
74½	53	TBI	72½		0.3	27.4
136	122	Tops Ests	131		2.4	29.2
48	37	Town Centre	48		4.6	13.9
138	87	Trafford Park	114	- 2	3.7	11.7
147	64	UK Land	116		4.5	10.7
64	42	WSP Group	52	- 1	5.3	
385	180	Warner	184		8.3	17.8
213	195	Warnford	212		4.7	16.1
79	65	Wates	72½	- 1		
35	24	Whitney Mckd	26			
79	41	Wood John DC	71			4.5

RETAILERS, FOOD

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	215	- 1	2.9	
706	632	Budgens Bros	714		1.7	20.6
47½	31	Budgens	44		3.6	
18½	13½	Cellars	16½		3.9	44.0
68	51½	Dairy Farm Intl	53	- ½	7.3	7.6
310	281	Farepak	381		3.7	
65	41	Fitzwilton	56		5.4	13.2
138	105	Fyffes	106		2.0	11.3
1370	1150	Greggs	1345	- 15	2.4	16.9
161	116	Iceland Group	118	- 34	5.6	6.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	431	- 7	5.8	9.3
177	142	Morrison (W)	162	- 2	1.1	15.1
179	139	Nurdin Peack	139	- 1	6.5	20.7
189	73	Park Foods	100	- 2	3.8	
12	5½	Regina Hlth	5½			
367	294	Safeway	326	+ 3	4.9	13.2
425	366	Sainsbury Jt	367	+ 4	4.1	13.6
317	261	Tesco	284	+ 6	4.2	12.6
164	133	Thorntons	159	- 4	4.2	18.2
575	433	Wolsons Philip	497	+ 1	4.2	14.7

RETAILERS, GENERAL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
162	81	Alexon	162	+ 3		40.0
249	164	Allders	210		4.2	13.5
708½	588	Argos	696	+ 17	2.5	23.7
215	125	Ashley (Laura)	188	+ 2	0.3	65.3
246	150	Austin Reed	206	- 2	3.6	28.1
155	126	Beatie (J)	151		5.5	17.8
134	95	Bentalls	113		2.5	56.3
129	67	Betterware	103½	- ½	3.1	18.5
193	49½	Blacks Leis	183	+ 1	1.6	22.3
189	141	Body Shop	177	+ 3	2.4	16.6
658	550	Boots	559	+ 4	4.1	15.7
28	16	Brown & Jackson	18	- 1		
353	263	Brown (N)	339		2.1	23.5
169½	125	Burton	147	- ½	2.0	23.9
175	100	Cantors	175		3.2	
644	420	Carpetright	595	- 19	3.4	24.0
231	185	Christies Intl	213	+ 1	1.6	35.8
485	363	Church	473		3.8	17.5
155	111	Clinton Cards	133	- 2	4.8	10.3
181	147	Cty Casuals	155		4.1	
1033	748	Coats Furnish	873	- 2	1.1	
215	190	Crown Eye	210		6.5	8.2
590	381	DFS Furniture	480	- 5	2.2	27.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	516		2.1	21.5
[illegible]	500	Dixons (Wooldn)	500		4.1	
9½	6	ERA Gp	6		2.1	17.5
116	77	Essex Furn	77		7.0	18.0
285	153	Etam	195		0.8	
531	410	Fine Art Dev	465	- 11	4.4	14.0
104	66	Fred Earle	86		2.9	14.2
180	128	Flying Flw Us	173		3.3	16.4
220	143	French Conn	219		1.1	21.0
195	93	Frost Group	94	+ 1	9.3	6.8
83	72	Gases	73		3.9	13.4
343	194	Goldsmiths Gp	298	- 3	1.9	19.7
770	625	GUS	628	- 3	3.3	16.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hamleys	374	- 1	2.7	
118	80	Hampden Grp	85		2.9	12.1
198	152	Hse of Fraser	166	+ 2	4.1	32.3
78	46½	Hughes (TJ)	66		5.0	20.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	195	+ 15	1.2	7.7
266½	190	JJB Sports	255	+ 10	1.4	27.4
658	504	Kingfisher	609	+ 1	3.3	19.7
298	166	Kingsbury Gp	272	- 3	1.4	31.2
415	275	Liberty	403		8.6	

SUPPORT SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1560	863	ADT	1128	- 10		
135	92	Alpha Aeptk	94	+ 1	6.6	13.2
32	7	Agromarco	28			
45	25	Auto Cas	35	- 1		
341	272	BET Ord	281	- 2	2.3	24.1
190	129	BNB Res	178		4.5	10.5
420	283	BPP	282		2.1	13.6
196	135	BSM	188		2.1	13.7
1950	1075	BTG	1655	+ 30	0.3	
1550	403	Baldoratt	425			
107	89	Bl Bloodstock	90		7.0	
164	133	Brit Data Mgt	155		4.2	23.0
125	92	E Isles Service	103		3.7	17.6
468	373	Business Post	454	+ 3	2.4	36.1
625	389	CDIG	579	+ 3	0.9	21.5
165	111½	CHM Gp	150		3.1	34.5
250½	162	Caird Gp	235			
380	255	Capita Group	337		1.4	29.7
17	15	Cardinal Bus	16			
10½	6	Chemex	6½		2.6	11.7
361	211	Crouch Sect	331	+ 3	3.2	
182	92	Corp Services	174	+ 1	2.3	16.4
66	45	Coutts Cnsing	63	+ 1	4.1	21.1
151	72	DCS Gp	140	+ 1	2.1	11.9
292	214	Davis Service	252	+ 1	4.1	15.8
197	167	Delta	173		2.1	19.5
144	98	Dudley Jenkins	144		2.2	15.4
99	71	EIS Gp	64	+ 1	3.5	16.3
116	75	FI Ursa Pty	79		2.4	11.4
473	395	Fi Group	473	+ 2	1.4	
448	358	Hays	460	- 1	3.0	20.2
293	210	Hays Robinson	276	+ 1	1.9	13.2
1828½	1112½	IDC & Co	1501½	+ 34	1.0	16.3
342	308	JBA Hdgs	515	+ 2	1.0	21.2
371	285	Johnson Grp	341		4.7	13.8
140	105	Kalamazoo	134		4.7	
510	361	Kewill Syst	424	+ 6	2.4	12.6
247	120	LIMC	132			
41	33	Low Scan	36	- 1		11.8
130	90	Lynton	111		4.4	
682	487	Logica	675	+ 8	1.1	33.9
99	71	Lynx Hldgs	78	+ 3	1.1	18.1
92	47½	MDIS	65	+ 6	4.4	
183	246	MRMT Corp	460	+ 15	1.4	22.7
101	56	MS Group	90		1.2	
499	355	Macro 4	485		5.9	12.1
2738½	1952½	Manpower	2136½	- 12½	0.4	
9	7	Menmore Abbey	8½			
1161	583	Micro Focus	642	- 7		
132	141	Misonant	142	- 8	6.7	9.6
850	570	Misys	779	+ 3	1.6	25.5
417	306	Mitie Gp	380		1.4	26.3
41	32	Move Group	36		5.0	11.5
49½	39½	Oriel	44		3.4	
173	137	P & P	127	- 4½	3.7	11.3
333	165	Page (Michael)	277		1.9	16.0
309	173	Parity	355	- 14	1.3	21.7
340	200	Pegasus	275	+ 5	1.8	19.6
100	79	Pennar	85		2.9	
169	120	Photo-Me	158	- 1	4.0	13.2
42	22	Proudfoot	29	+ 1	8.6	
[illegible]	115	RCO	136		9.3	13.4
148	105	RPS Group	121		5.3	12.4
84	41	Radius	60		1.3	14.4
314	173	Real Time	198	+ 6	1.3	
116	52	Rebus	79	+ 2	1.9	
158	105	Reed Executive	126	- 1	2.0	11.3
245	214	Reliance Secs	220	- 3	1.9	
421	325	Rentokil	404	+ 5	1.3	28.4
156	103	Ricardo Group	130		6.1	15.9
258	222	Rolfe & Nolan	233		2.9	25.4
815	335	Sage Gp	427	+ 5	0.7	20.1
394	227	Salvesen (C)	276	+ 8	5.8	15.5
172	128	Sanderson Elec	146		3.4	15.9
290	160	Select Appt	385			
790	533	Serco Gp	795	+ 14	0.9	28.4
555	387	Serco Gp	398	+ 1	1.3	37.3
124	80	Shields & McEwan	108		4.2	18.9
297	185	Shirehill Intl	222	- 7	2.1	10.1
134½	97½	Stockley	97½	- 3½	4.1	
20½	10½	Standard Platfm	15½			
248	206	Stat-Plus	213		6.1	17.0
780	380	Superscape VR	418	+ 5		
258	206	Warner Howard	219		4.4	12.3
385	310	Waste Mgt Intl	348	- 3		
198	127	Waste Recyg	187	+ 1	1.1	25.2

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
386	320½	BT	350½	+ 4	6.8	11.0
564	387	Cable Wireless	407	+ 8	3.1	15.4
158	130	Euro Telecom	146			
208	156	General Cable	160½	- 1½		
127	85½	NYNEX Cable	88½	- ½		
254	177½	Orange	188½	+ 8		
318	243	Securicor	260	+ 6	0.2	
180	118	TeleWest	141	- 4		
286½	209½	Vodafone	219	+ ½	2.3	21.9

TEXTILES & APPAREL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	41	Alexon	54		4.2	20.1
180	131	Alexdn W	133		6.1	12.3
240	205	Allied Text	205		4.5	12.4
211	180	Baird (Wm)	178		6.6	32.8
165	135	Bridgen-Giltry	143		3.3	15.7
148	133	Br Mohair	137	- 1	8.2	12.3
34	21	Carpart	25			
26	11½	Claimb Prigge	14			0.8
288	217	Claremont Gp	217		5.6	13.8
200	167	Coats Viyella	172	+ 3	8.4	12.9
427	331	Courtauld Text	331	- 6	5.8	11.4
111	70	Dawson	71½		3.2	21.2
186	175½	Dewhurst (M)	191		2.4	18.4
37	30	Drake Hall	33		6.7	9.0
41	28	Drummond	35		5.5	12.1
49	32	Fauze	41		10.0	
475	190	FII	190		9.7	
128	58	Fanlwinder	72		6.0	7.0
14	7	Foster (John)	10			
88	57	Frinch	58		7.8	13.7
90	60	Gent SR	60		5.2	6.5
131	112	Haggas	124	+ 2	3.5	17.1
13½	[illegible]	[illegible]	10½		3.8	
14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		8.3	
373	306	Hicking Pntcst	340	- 3	2.4	16.5
14	8½	Hollas	8½		8.2	
38	26	Honeysuckle	27		9.3	
97	74½	Horace Small	75	+ ½		7.3
182	65	Jacques Vert	65		13.0	4.3
86	70	Jerome (S)	74	- 2	3.6	9.8
475	435	Jones Stroud	448		2.9	14.8
140	115	Lambert	125			
305	245	Lamont	265		5.8	16.1
276	204	Leeds	207		4.0	12.4
56	51	Leslie Wise Gp	56		9.7	32.0
57	44	Lyles (S)	51			
27	18	Marling	18½		4.8	
8½	4½	PEX	4	+ ½		
198	164	Parkland	165		4.6	
120	102½	Paulland	116	- 1	3.6	18.2
68	51	Pittards	63	- 1	3.0	
84½	58	Readicut	58½		7.4	18.8
90	61½	Renmore	88		4.8	
88	38	Richards	88		4.2	
64	51	SEET	53			
133	89	Sherwood Gp	70		8.4	7.9
123	89	Stalon	116		4.2	12.3
97	73	Sirdar	77		8.9	32.6
61	41	Stirling Gp	44		6.5	9.3
18	12	Strong & Fisher	13½		9.3	11.1
26	14	UK Safety	20		5.0	
224	161	Ulster (Frank)	203	+ 1	6.5	9.8
133	97	Wensum	104		6.0	9.5
336	265	Yorkyle	285		3.5	11.7

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	107	Air London	118	- 5	4.6	10.2
760½	623½	All Nippon Air	688	+ 7	0.3	
316	263	Assoc Br Ports	284		3.1	15.1
556	447	BAA	498	+ 5	2.8	17.1
572	464	Br Airways	508	- 4	3.4	10.8
17	8	Central Tran R	11			
113	95	Clarkson (H)	98		3.9	6.5
175	162	Clydeport	167	- 1	3.3	12.8
242	214	Dan	242	+ 4	2.1	14.1
117	62	Eurotunnel Uts	107½	+ ½		
181½	139½	FirstBus	149½		3.6	20.8
140	85	Fisher (James)	130		1.9	11.8
600	550	Forth Ports	550	- 5	2.3	18.0
347	277	Go-Ahead	281	- 1	2.2	12.6
432	348	Goode Durrant	379	- 1	2.9	
156	107	IoM Steam	144		4.0	
588	478	Inch Cool	673		0.9	14.5
84	66	Jacobs	80½	- ½	1.9	23.1
97	82	Lon O'Seas Frts	97		0.7	19.8
456	345	Mersey Docks	350	+ 1	4.1	14.4
192	140	NFC	169½	+ 2½	4.7	24.1
518	362	Natl Express	462	- 1	2.7	13.0
467	372	Ocean Group	441	+ 3	4.1	19.5
100	78	Ocean Wilson	84	+ 5	5.4	4.7
564	467	P & O Dfd	498	- 2	7.7	13.1
183	133	P & O 5.5%	144	+ 5	4.8	
223	205	Railtrack (P/P)	209½	- 3	5.5	7.4
87	47	Seacon	47		5.9	21.7
402	230	Servisair	362		1.5	33.9
458	327	Stagecoach	430	+ 1	1.7	25.2
96	67	TLS	89		3.8	13.3
83	62	THT	64			
633	390	Tibbett & Britn	585		3.4	33.6
229	187	TDG	199		6.0	14.5
87	60	Ugland	75		6.1	10.5
106	74	Utd Carriers	93		4.3	

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
631	512	Anglian	530	- 3	7.1	6.8
785	676	Hyder	676	- 2	7.2	9.8
109	96½	Hyder Cnv Pdf	97½	+ ½	10.1	
605	420	Mid Kent Hdgs	600		5.0	10.3
608	518	Severn Trent	529	- 1	7.6	5.9
2610	2375	South Staffs	2610	+ 15	3.7	
731	480	South West	655	+ 1	5.8	8.4
1025	652	Southern	1024	+ 5	3.9	11.4
599	530	Thames	561	- 7	6.5	7.4
633	529	Utd Utilities	554	+ 2	6.5	11.2
374	295	Wessex	350	+ 15	5.4	
791	583	Yorkshire	644		6.0	9.0

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
58	18	Abacus Recruit	45			
213	95	Cale Inst	170		1.8	14.1
86	58	County Gdns	85	+ 2	2.0	18.4
1700	860	Dawson Hdgs	1675		2.4	14.7
188	45	Firecrest	65			27.8
35½	14	Freepages	29	- ½		
117	92	Megalomedia	94			
475	45	Memory Corp	50	+ 5		
154	90	Old English Pub	130		1.0	54.2
445	360	Pet City	360			
595	524	Southern News	525		3.8	13.8
68	50	Southern Vectis	68			
315	122	Surrey Fr Ims	250	- 5	1.0	29.4
75	46	Trocadero	71	+ 1		

BRITISH FUNDS

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 1996	[illegible]		[illegible]	5.59
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	[illegible]		9.86	5.61
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	[illegible]		6.91	5.73
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	[illegible]		12.76	5.54
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	[illegible]		10.21	5.58
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]		13.50	5.88
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]		9.28	6.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]		7.14	6.24
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	[illegible]		6.72	6.50
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996-98	[illegible]		12.37	6.31
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]		13.11	6.42
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]	+ ⅛	10.76	6.58
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]		8.92	6.66
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]	+ ⅛	10.87	6.73
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	[illegible]	+ ⅛	9.59	6.77
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]	+ ⅛	6.14	6.81
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	[illegible]	+ ⅛	9.35	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.40	7.04
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	[illegible]	+ ⅛	7.76	7.15
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	[illegible]	+ ⅛	10.82	7.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]	+ ⅛	9.85	7.27
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	[illegible]	+ ⅛	7.11	7.34
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.81	7.52
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]	+ ⅛	7.84	7.59
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.88	7.65
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]	+ ⅛	9.93	7.49
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	- ⅛	4.34	6.85
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.68	7.80
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	[illegible]	+ ⅛	7.22	7.81
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.17	7.87
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.63	7.86
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	+ ⅛	[illegible]	7.77
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]	+ ⅛	7.74	7.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]	+ ⅛	7.88	7.96
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	[illegible]	+ ⅛	7.96	7.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	[illegible]	+ ⅛	9.76	7.78
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.21	8.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	[illegible]	+ ⅛	10.19	7.79
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.39	8.08
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.06	8.09
LONGS (over 15 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	[illegible]	+ ⅛	7.45	8.19
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.40	8.15
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.40	8.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]	+ ⅛	7.08	7.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.17	8.21
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.12	8.23
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2015	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.18	8.22
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.35	8.26
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	[illegible]	- ⅛	8.98	8.31
[illegible]	[illegible]	Tr 8% 2021	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.08	8.22
UNDATED						
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.26	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 2½%	[illegible]	+ ⅛	8.39	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Consols 4%	[illegible]	- ⅛	8.38	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	[illegible]	- ⅛	1.80	2.65
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2001	[illegible]	+ ⅛	2.97	3.55
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	[illegible]	+ ⅛	3.24	3.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	[illegible]	+ ⅛	3.31	3.71
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	[illegible]	+ ⅛	3.41	3.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	[illegible]	+ ⅛	3.60	3.76
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	[illegible]	+ ⅛	3.55	3.78
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	[illegible]	+ ⅛	3.59	3.79
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	[illegible]	+ ⅛	3.63	3.82
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	[illegible]	+ ⅛	3.68	3.84
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	[illegible]	+ ⅛	3.67	3.82
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	[illegible]	+ ⅛	3.67	3.82

Source: FT Information

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	203 10	214 90	- 1 80	0 15
Grofund Equity	265 90	282.80	+ 0.60	1 90
Grofund Euro	266.20	281 70	+ 4.20	0.57
Grofund Expt Bar	131 90	136 70		2 57
Grofund Gilt	77 51	79 91		6.57
Grofund Japan	178 30	188.60	+ 0.30	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	633.40	675.90	+ 4.00	2.59
General Inc	538.30	572.60	+ 3.40	2.59
UK Growth Acc	430 70	458 20	+ 2.80	2.79
UK Growth Inc	282.80	300 90	+ 1.90	2.79
Higher Inc Acc	760 30	808.80	+ 6.30	4.34
Higher Inc Inc	414 70	441 20	+ 3.40	4.34
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	208.20	219 90	+ 0.80	5.62
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93 46	98.71	+ 0.38	5.62
Nth America	339.70	361 40	- 5.30	
Europe	351.30	373.80	+ 6.30	0.42
Brit Excel!	85.79	90.84†	+ 0.66	2.99
Brit Frdmdts Acc	110.00	117 10	+ 0.70	5.00
Brit Frdmdts Inc	75.40	80.22	+ 0.42	5.00
Global Opps	100.80	107.30†	+ 0.40	0.12
Balanced Acc	61 15	65.08	+ 0.30	2.76
Balanced Inc	57.85	61.55	+ 0.29	2.76
Japan Acc	46.97	49.97	+ 0.04	
Pac Basin Acc	397.50	422.90	- 0.80	0.90
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Inc	128.90	136.70†	- 0.10	7.14
High Inc Equity	175.40	187.60†	+ 0.60	4.59
Worldwide Bond	286.10	303.30	+ 2.00	4.85
American Growth	351.90	376.50	- 4.40	0.20
Asian Pacific	336.20	359.60	- 0.30	0.19
Assets & Earnings	289.20	309.30	- 0.10	2.87
Euro Capital Acc	179.20	191.70	+ 3.40	0.83
Extra Inc	43.14	45.89†	+ 0.05	7.81
General	265.00	281.90	+ 0.90	3.11
Global Opps	87.60	71.92	+ 0.11	0.56
Japan	123.80	132.40	- 0.60	
Managed Inc	47.10	50.11†	+ 0.15	4.64
Mastertrust	165.30	176.80	+ 0.20	0.82
US Emerging Cos	197.20	209.80	- 3.70	
Ethical	78.24	83.23†	+ 0.15	2.67
International	136.70	145.40	+ 0.30	0.36
Dividend & Growth	85.17	89.33†	+ 0.15	4.43
Global Gwth & Sec	73.12	78.08		2.42
Latin America	64.82	68.96	- 1.01	
Capital Reserve	144.50	144.80		5.19
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2341.00	2429.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	55.94	59.11	- 0.18	0.53
Emerging Mkts	73.40	77.41	- 0.15	0.04
European	147.10	153.00	+ 1.30	
Exempt	1059.80	1125.30†	+ 1.80	1.65
Extra Income #	45.10	48.38	- 0.14	6.84
Far East Emg Eco	131.00	137.60†	- 0.40	0.45
Fixed Interest #	24.97	25.97	+ 0.01	9.29
Fund Inv Tst	147.60	155.00†	- 0.40	9.90
Japan	188.30	195.80	+ 0.30	
Latin American	58.18	60.66	- 1.01	0.81
Pacific	84.24	88.45	+ 0.12	0.30
Property Share	66.85	70.18†	+ 0.02	2.50
UK Emerging Cos	71.24	77.01†	- 0.28	1.25
UK Growth	50.70	53.55	+ 0.08	2.19
Abes World Port #	78.76	80.37†	+ 0.11	1.95
Ethical	74.70	77.60†	+ 0.06	2.27
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.81	50.81†	+ 0.02	7.42
For AEGON see Mathesan				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 258 5888				
Resort Property #	95.87	102.90		5.05
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	86.94	92.24	+ 0.13	2.18
Income Builder Inc	78.55	81.44†	+ 0.50	4.46
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	287.60	296.00		3.25
Capital	473.80	504.30		1.24
Balanced	772.10	825.30†		2.52
Accumulator	1488.00	1588.00†		2.86
Income Trusts				
American Income	58.92	62.90		2.54
High Income	434.40	464.30		4.08
Equity Income	241.00	257.60†		4.11
High Yield	262.30	280.30		4.29
Govt Securities	33.78	35.62		8.13
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	193.90	207.20		0.06
European Growth	52.80	56.06		0.07
International	184.50	197.20†		0.11
Japan	213.70	227.90†		
Pacific	421.00	450.00†		
Secs of America	532.70	567.90		0.14
Worldw Asset Val	55.35	59.16		0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	597.10	638.20		2.14
Conv & Gilt	47.79	51.08		4.24
Smaller Cos	208.20	222.50†		1.00
2nd Smaller Cos	198.40	212.00		0.87
Recovery	161.90	173.00†		1.83
Met Min & Cdty	163.50	174.70		0.18
Oseas Earnings	400.40	428.00†		1.17
Technology	207.30	221.80		
UK Special Sits	556.40	594.70		1.05
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cnbrdd Out Pens	113.10	117.50		3.04
Foundn Persl Pens	68.46	71.14		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	77.25	82.18†		1.06
International	68.83	73.22†		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	318.10	340.10	- 5.40	
Bond	115.40	121.40†	- 0.10	8.80
Brit Smlr Cos	116.80	124.30	- 0.40	1.61
Conv & Gilt #	70.51	75.07	- 0.34	5.23
Europe	276.40	293.20	+ 5.80	0.58
Euro Smlr Cos	123.50	131.30	+ 1.30	0.60
Income Gwth	363.50	386.80†	+ 0.60	4.44
Japan	329.80	350.80	- 0.70	
Latin American	83.80	89.15†	- 1.32	0.86
Pacific	115.50	122.90	+ 0.40	1.20
Uk Smlr Cos	59.66	63.47	- 0.14	1.25
Japan Fd	697.70	719.00	+ 0.80	
Mngd Fd	195.70	207.80	+ 0.70	2.88
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Bal & Ovsea	362.00	382.80		0.92
Capital Gwth	123.90	131.80		2.51
Wwide Opps	218.80	231.10		0.90
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	400.70	417.40	+ 1.90	2.57
European Bd Inc	94.32	97.03†	+ 0.15	6.82
Europe	77.84	82.92	+ 0.12	3.07
Financial	92.96	98.44	- 0.28	2.63
500	302.70	648.90	- 1.20	2.63
General	307.80	329.40	- 0.20	2.67
Property	240.80	256.50†		6.24
Trustee	211.70	226.30†		2.46
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.20	100.30†		4.98
Distribution (I) #	109.10	109.70†	+ 0.20	6.40
Extra Income #	120.40	128.50	+ 0.10	4.99
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.86	59.08	- 0.06	8.04
Income #	554.50	593.00†	- 12.10	4.36
Income Builder #	66.62	71.38	+ 0.15	5.59
Intl Income	67.81	72.14†	+ 0.15	2.73
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	134.30	143.30	- 0.30	2.25
Leisure	170.80	182.70	- 2.00	0.70
Recovery	482.20	500.90	+ 0.50	2.87
Smlr Cos Inc	58.01	62.20		2.05
Special Sits	372.30	398.20	- 1.30	0.59
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	157.70	169.80	- 1.60	0.07
Aust Acc	256.50	274.10	- 2.30	
Aust Inc	150.40	160.90†	- 1.40	
Euro Gwth Inc	190.50	198.66	+ 3.70	0.56
-do- Accum	201.60	214.40	+ 3.90	0.56
Japan & Gen Inc	154.40	163.40	- 0.20	
-do- Accum	158.10	165.30	- 0.30	
Japan Spec Sits	72.16	76.86	+ 0.17	
Worldwide	192.70	204.00†	+ 0.40	0.48
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	118.60	125.40	+ 0.20	
Amer Smlr Cos	141.70	153.33	- 1.80	
Convertibles	59.18	62.54†	+ 0.09	4.90
Eastern	299.50	321.20	- 0.50	0.22
Equity Income	37.96	39.43	+ 0.11	3.90
European Growth	267.70	280.70	+ 4.30	0.70
Europe	345.40	363.30	+ 4.60	1.60
German Growth	87.67	92.97	+ 1.28	0.50
Global Bond	69.15	72.75†	+ 0.35	6.50
Global Growth	141.90	154.93	- 0.70	0.40
Japan Growth	201.50	213.90	- 0.60	
Japan Sunrise	172.00	182.90	- 0.10	
Korea Trust	63.66	75.27	- 0.08	
Portfolio	140.10	150.60	+ 0.70	2.30
-do- Accum	216.30	232.00	+ 1.50	2.30
UK Growth	97.09	104.30†	+ 0.40	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	95.12	100.50	+ 0.10	2.50
Select Managers	86.12	92.45	+ 0.09	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	87.62	93.71†		
Special Opps Inc	58.24	62.06		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	131.16	140.91	+ 0.10	1.38
-do- Accum	153.44	162.37	+ 0.12	1.38
Smaller Cos	150.15	158.99	+ 0.28	0.46
Higher Yield #	52.76	56.29†	+ 0.02	3.80
American Gth Inc	87.31	92.39	- 1.21	
European Growth	160.43	169.76	+ 1.76	
-do- Accum	163.66	173.17	+ 1.80	
Global Bond Inc #	76.18	77.12	+ 0.12	6.32
Mngd Prtolo Inc	50.97	53.91	+ 0.11	1.34
-do- Accum	52.53	55.56	+ 0.12	1.34
Intl Spec Opps	155.26	164.47	- 0.47	
Pacific Gth	147.51	156.10	- 0.46	
UK General #	88.69	93.36†	+ 0.11	2.77
-do- Accum #	94.95	100.47	+ 0.12	2.77
Japan	60.67	64.20†	- 0.11	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	97.05	102.84	- 0.09	6.64
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.28	66.77		6.55
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	162.20	191.80†	+ 0.10	1.35
UK Growth	203.70	216.40	- 0.40	2.17
UK Income	141.00	148.50		4.60
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	221.50	234.70†	+ 1.40	1.63
-do- Income Dist	119.10	125.80	+ 0.60	3.97
-do- Accum	381.00	403.80	+ 1.00	3.97
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.94	43.02	+ 0.05	6.32
Growth Units	236.90	253.40	+ 1.70	2.30
Bond	175.26	184.50	+ 0.10	7.20
Intl Growth	243.20	258.50	+ 0.70	0.20
North American	236.20	251.60†	- 0.90	0.26
Far East	302.00	323.00	- 0.80	0.72
UK Smaller Cos	219.80	235.10	+ 0.30	0.94
European	95.59	101.30†	+ 1.30	0.72
Japanese Growth	49.66	51.64	+ 0.17	
High Income	206.70	221.10	+ 1.70	4.49
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	205.70	218.10	- 2.10	
European Inc	92.72	98.25	+ 1.53	0.53
Smaller Cos (4-1)	105.10	111.90	- 0.30	1.49
Growth	517.60	550.70	+ 0.10	1.72
Income & Growth #	429.10	456.50†	+ 3.40	4.36
-do- Accum #	648.70	690.20	+ 5.30	4.16
Japan & Gen	72.72	74.35	+ 0.05	
Master Portfolio	£112.70	£116.45†	+ 36.00	2.08
-do- Accum	£136.60	£143.21	+ 44.00	2.00
Special Sits	119.90	126.50†	+ 0.10	1.79
High Yield	£14.04	£14.48	+ 10.00	4.62

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	97.83	104.27†		2.42
American Portfolio	114.16	121.35†		0.91
European Portfolio	129.17	138.15		0.63
High Income	51.24	51.37		7.46
Japanese Portfolio	70.29	74.70†	- 0.08	
Pacific Portfolio	152.97	164.49†	- 0.66	1.42
UK Equity	93.52	99.82		3.13
UK Equity & Bd	55.53	58.83		6.44
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0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	733.17	744.25		4.42
Fxd Int Sec	153.93	154.55		9.25
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	731.35	742.41		4.49
Investment Acc	£20.22	£20.82		
Fixed Int Inc	124.53	125.03		8.28
Fixed Int Acc	221.84	222.72		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.64	92.64	+ 1.50	3.21
Beck Bio-Tech	43.30	46.89†		
Acorn Ethical Tst	184.71	193.96†		0.45
City Fin Assets	78.86	82.81		1.58
City Fin America	107.04	112.40	- 8.35	
City Fin Intl	89.93	94.50	- 3.75	0.47
City Fin Japan	151.91	159.52	- 2.48	
Friars Hse Cap	307.61	327.24†		2.38
Friars Hse Inc	196.68	209.23		3.61
Beckley Wrld Gth	140.17	148.58	- 9.92	
J Std Inc/Gth Inc	56.57	59.40†		3.32
Sheer Utilities	56.20	60.25	+ 0.22	6.04
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	57.30	60.80	- 0.21	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	74.07	78.80	- 1.31	
Dragon Growth	71.98	76.58	+ 0.19	0.37
Equity High Inc	85.43	91.53	+ 0.63	4.45
-do- Accum	121.55	130.23	+ 0.90	4.45
Extra Income Inc	25.98	27.36†	- 0.03	7.66
Extra Income Acc	28.15	29.64	- 0.04	7.66
European Gwth	61.44	65.19	+ 1.09	0.93
Evergrowth	31.97	34.19	+ 0.03	
General Equity	97.57	103.52	+ 0.67	3.19
Japan Growth	52.87	56.24	+ 0.15	
Pedigree Gwth	60.95	64.84	+ 0.23	2.52
Pref Sm Cos Inc	37.23	39.61	- 0.07	1.53
-do- Accum	39.44	41.96	- 0.08	1.53
Retirement Inc #	26.52	28.21	+ 0.20	6.18
Special Sits	45.61	48.52	+ 0.03	2.38
UK & Overseas	56.93	60.40	+ 0.31	0.77
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	86.36	88.11	+ 0.35	4.15
Capital	78.68	81.38	+ 0.55	2.38
High Income	80.74	82.85†	- 0.30	7.17
Top 50	52.70	54.89	+ 0.35	2.22
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	185.01	192.72	+ 2.02	4.77
Long Gilt	41.88	43.56†	+ 0.16	6.48
Monthly Inc Plus	48.66	50.69	+ 0.03	8.84
Preference Share	47.12	49.08†	+ 0.04	8.12
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	132.66	138.18†	- 0.12	6.17
Managed Fund	75.29	78.43	+ 0.26	2.74
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	90.06	92.19	- 0.05	1.82
-do- Accum	59.17	61.64	- 0.08	1.82
UK & General	92.97	96.84	+ 0.50	2.66
-do- Accum	120.58	125.61	+ 0.65	2.66
UK Growth	182.00	189.58	+ 0.80	1.48
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	211.62	220.44	+ 5.70	0.88
Far Eastern Gth	139.07	144.88	- 0.01	0.02
Global Bond	81.71	85.11	+ 0.56	5.82
Japan Growth	115.49	120.35	- 0.24	
North Amer Gth	219.37	228.51	- 3.05	
Oriental Growth	82.98	86.44	+ 0.06	0.27
Worldwide Growth	73.08	76.13	+ 0.20	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	32.60	32.80	+ 0.02	5.18
Homemaker Fund	88.51	94.16	+ 0.19	1.80
Quilter Fund	148.12	157.57	+ 0.74	1.88
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.10	38.50		3.21
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	172.80	183.80	+ 0.10	1.69
Income	69.40	73.93	+ 0.05	4.80
European	74.25	78.98	+ 1.37	0.75
Recovery	181.90	193.50	+ 0.20	1.61
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9484				
Equity Dist	938.20	964.20		3.52
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	106.90	113.70		1.14
Income #	275.00	292.50	+ 0.70	4.23
-do- Accum #	719.60	765.50	+ 1.70	4.23
Smaller Cos	228.10	240.50†	- 0.40	0.89
-do- Accum	280.70	298.60†	- 0.50	0.89
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Growth & Inc #	277.80	295.20	+ 1.60	2.98
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Pacific	84.23	89.55	- 0.39	
Pref High Inc	21.52	22.86†	+ 0.03	7.87
Tokyo	233.80	248.00	+ 0.90	
UK Smaller Cos	254.10	270.00	- 0.50	1.11
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	328.40	347.20	+ 6.80	1.06
New Asia	235.90	251.30		0.73
Japan Growth	114.30	121.60	+ 0.10	
Jap Smlr Co	485.80	517.80	- 2.40	
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Uk Inc & Gth	236.00	252.70	- 0.30	2.93
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Ethical Tst	46.45	48.93	+ 0.40	0.94
Far Eastern	310.83	327.19†	+ 1.77	1.49
High Income	132.53	139.50	- 0.77	5.14
UK Index Tracking	47.87	50.34	- 0.28	2.76
Intl Growth	144.21	151.80	+ 0.33	0.32
North American	139.49	146.83	- 0.65	1.76
Pelican	132.72	139.70	+ 0.82	2.21
Smaller Cos	70.59	74.31†	+ 0.15	3.01
Special Sits	91.65	96.47	- 0.12	2.61
Tst of Inv Tsts	208.15	219.10	- 0.45	1.23
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Smaller Cos Acc	410.97	437.20	- 0.60	1.51
Recovery	58.76	62.09	+ 0.41	1.71
Recovery Acc	60.30	64.15	+ 0.04	1.71
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Fd of Inv Tsts	49.83	54.20†	- 0.17	0.58
High Income #	31.03	33.69†	0.02	11.50
Managed	47.64	51.78	- 0.12	
Zero Preference	42.57	45.17†	- 0.04	
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Intl Bond	29.81	31.10	+ 0.21	5.50
Income Funds				
High Income	25.80	26.98†	- 0.03	5.23
Income Plus	124.50	132.20	- 1.30	7.16
Asian Eq Inc	58.68	62.34	- 0.54	0.30
European Income	49.75	53.25	- 0.60	2.40
Far East Inc	65.97	70.31	- 0.04	0.27
Global Convertible	25.05	26.64	- 0.04	2.62
UK Div Gth	29.60	31.48	+ 0.06	2.38
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	66.46	70.90	- 0.17	
American	291.60	309.50	- 2.00	0.14
Amer Spec Sit	169.50	181.20	- 2.10	
Japan Smaller Cos	37.73	40.28	- 0.10	
European	221.70	235.60	+ 3.70	0.53
European Opps	79.01	84.03	+ 1.40	0.02
Global Pro	30.06	31.97	+ 0.20	0.79
UK Growth	116.00	123.40	- 0.20	1.16
Growth & Inc	166.10	176.70†	- 0.30	2.63
Intl PEP	45.64	47.89†	- 0.13	1.14
Japan Spec Sit	34.59	36.60	- 0.30	
Japan	125.90	134.20	+ 0.10	
Managed Intl	333.60	353.60	- 1.60	0.53
Moneybuilder	64.96	69.10†		
Recovery	59.74	63.52	- 0.24	1.70
South E Asia	176.30	188.10	- 0.20	1.03
Special Sits	691.20	735.30	- 1.50	0.52
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	115.02	115.02	+ 0.02	5.38
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Cap Pfolio	151.70	159.80		1.01
General Opps	139.60	148.20		1.78
Growth Inc	35.75	36.45		1.00
Private Portfolio	431.30	500.40		1.89
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 380 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	150.10	159.50	+ 2.10	0.33
Emrg Mkts	151.62	163.90	- 0.10	
High Income	21.17	22.36†	0.02	10.02
UK Income	107.10	114.30	- 0.40	4.57
US Smaller Cos	403.90	430.53	- 4.80	
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-do- Accum	72.67	77.50	- 0.26	
Amer Smllr Cos	617.80	660.70	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	631.20	675.10	- 0.80	
Capital Tst	379.20	403.40	- 0.90	1.50
-do- Accum	550.70	589.30	- 1.30	1.50
Cont Smlr Cos	62.35	66.52†	+ 0.63	0.42
-do- Accum	66.34	70.77†	+ 0.67	0.42
Convertible	136.10	144.80†	- 2.60	5.86
-do- Accum	294.80	313.40†	- 5.60	5.86
Emerging Markets	69.51	74.26	- 1.06	0.30
-do- Accum	69.74	74.51	- 1.06	0.30
European	147.40	156.30	+ 3.20	0.90
-do- Accum	156.20	165.50	+ 3.50	0.90
Extra Income	362.30	385.40†	+ 1.50	4.10
-do- Accum	576.70	613.50†	+ 2.30	4.10
Financial	160.60	170.90	- 0.00	0.46
-do- Accum	170.70	181.60	+ 0.00	0.46
Gilt Trust	64.11	66.10	+ 0.09	6.75
-do- Accum	97.09	100.10	+ 0.13	6.75
Health Fund Inc	240.20	256.60	- 2.00	
-do- Accum	240.20	256.60	- 2.00	
Income & Growth	218.50	232.40	+ 1.40	3.61
-do- Accum	346.10	368.20	+ 2.30	3.61
Intl Growth	425.60	453.60	+ 1.60	
-do- Accum	472.60	503.80	+ 1.70	
Japan & Gen	179.40	190.50	+ 0.60	
-do- Accum	181.20	192.40	+ 0.60	
Monthly Inc #	186.80	198.70†	+ 0.50	4.30
Managed Port Inc	116.00	122.10	+ 0.40	1.47
-do- Accum	126.00	132.60	+ 0.50	1.47
Quarterly Income #	56.40	59.51	+ 0.23	4.91
-do- Accum #	62.81	67.27	+ 0.27	4.91
Recovery	358.30	383.20†	- 1.00	0.23
-do- Accum	423.00	452.40†	- 1.10	0.23
UK Growth	62.36	66.34	+ 0.48	2.76
-do- Accum	67.62	71.94	+ 0.44	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
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FP American	57.28	60.93	- 0.67	0.41
FP Am Smlr Cos	190.80	203.80	- 2.00	
FP Asian Growth	281.10	300.60†	- 0.70	
FP Australian	381.20	409.00	- 3.20	
FP Equity Dist	427.70	454.80	- 0.16	2.65
-do- Accum	942.90	1018.03		2.66
FP Euro Gth	277.20	294.80	+ 4.00	
-do- Accum	303.20	322.50	+ 5.20	
FP Intl Bond	59.97	63.46	+ 0.41	4.45
FP Intl Gth Dist	37.53	40.05	+ 0.10	0.15
-do- Accum	54.80	58.48	+ 0.15	0.15
FP Pac Basin Acc	221.50	236.70	- 0.30	
FP Income #	55.77	59.48†	+ 0.21	5.35
-do- Accum #	194.80	207.70	+ 0.60	5.35
FP Jap Smllr Cos	324.70	346.30	- 0.20	
FP Monthly Dist #	73.37	78.30†	+ 0.12	5.00
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20†	+ 0.10	5.65
FP Tokyo	84.70	90.43		
FP UK Focus	40.25	43.16	+ 0.12	2.61
FP UK Growth	185.80	198.10†	+ 0.50	2.46
-do- Accum	374.40	399.30	+ 1.10	2.46
Stewardship Dist	408.90	436.00	- 1.00	1.53
-do- Accum	512.80	546.30	- 1.30	1.53
Stwrdshp Inc Dist #	80.35	85.47	- 0.12	4.03
-do- Accum #	108.80	115.70	- 0.20	4.03
N Am Stshp Dist	116.00	123.40†	- 1.70	0.40
-do- Accum	124.70	132.60	- 1.80	0.40
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Capital Gwth Acc	123.00	130.80	- 2.20	1.00
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Cap Gth Inc Inc #	116.00	123.30	- 2.00	3.01
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	121.30	129.00	- 2.10	3.01
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	117.60	125.10	- 2.10	3.55
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	123.00	131.70	- 2.10	3.55
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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GANDA	273.00	288.70	+ 0.30	2.13
Cash	49.67	50.41	+ 0.01	5.38
Growth Portfolio	86.45	91.64	+ 0.43	0.88
Income Portfolio	67.70	71.00	+ 0.73	4.38
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Intl Gth & Inc	230.50	249.70†		3.81
UK & Gen	47.63	50.94		2.85
Fund of Funds	73.71	80.97		
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
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Amer Spec Sits	227.30	243.10	- 4.70	0.14
European Gth	719.20	769.30	+ 11.00	0.62
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	54.05	57.37	+ 0.73	4.95
-do- Accum	59.99	63.67	+ 0.86	4.95
Far East & Gen	267.00	286.80	+ 0.40	
German Growth	142.90	151.90	+ 1.90	
High Yield #	48.87	51.66	- 0.09	8.11
-do- Accum #	52.92	55.92	- 0.11	8.11
Income Inc	189.20	201.30	- 0.10	4.24
-do- Accum	211.40	226.10	- 0.10	4.24
International	384.10	403.90	+ 1.50	0.30
Intl Income	92.33	97.67	+ 0.65	3.04
Japan Growth	451.80	479.40	+ 0.80	
Korean Securities	58.48	62.56	+ 0.06	
Orient Acc	185.20	196.10	- 0.10	0.17
UK General Inc	191.20	204.50	- 0.50	0.93
UK General Acc	338.40	362.00	- 0.60	0.93
UK Smlr Cos Inc	32.75	34.42		1.72
-do- Accum	57.12	61.08	- 0.10	1.90
UK Spec Sits	100.20	107.20	- 0.40	1.21
US Growth	177.80	186.80	- 1.40	
Wwide Spec Sits	158.20	168.30†	- 0.40	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	188.30	201.75	+ 0.20	2.11
European Value	93.52	98.79	+ 1.65	1.27
-do- Accum	160.61	167.35	+ 1.12	1.27
Japan Trust	236.19	251.22†	- 0.25	
Japan Smlr Cos	249.23	265.69	+ 0.14	
Pacific Smlr Cos	248.03	264.25	- 0.58	
North American	292.53	310.59†	- 0.67	
American Smaller	163.86	175.80	- 3.38	

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■ FILM 1

Fun, romance and heavy petting in the likeable *Truth about Cats & Dogs*

■ FILM 2

Happy Gilmore, the comedy about golf, swings in at somewhere around par for the course

THE TIMES ARTS

■ FILM 3

Les Apprentis offers patient viewers a Gallic ramble of the most vacuous nature

■ FILM 4

In pursuit of gay sex in Los Angeles: *Hustler White* leaves little to the imagination

CINEMA: In an otherwise dreary week, **Geoff Brown** warms to the fine acting in *The Truth About Cats & Dogs*

Old hat, but in a bright new style

"I am five foot ten, blonde, hard to miss," our veterinarian heroine says as she arranges to meet a grateful listener to her Los Angeles radio talk show. In fact she's short, dark and a little dumpy: not someone who would stand out in a crowd. But where would Hollywood romantic comedies be without mistaken identities? Or the plot of *Cyrano de Bergerac*? Originality, as you see, plays little part in **The Truth About Cats & Dogs**, although the film, directed by Michael Lehmann, deserves a warm reception for its agreeable performers and genial tone.

Over the microphone, the radio vet Dr Abbey Barnes, endearingly played by Janeane Garofalo, appears wise and witty. Off-air, she turns her wit against herself and leads a lonely life cosseting a cat or playing her violin. The person who actually fits her fetching description is Uma Thurman's Noelle Slusarsky, her neighbour, a friendly if cranially challenged model anxious for a better life as a television newsreader. You expect comic dexterity from Garofalo, a practiced comedian who stole the film *Bye Bye Love* with her caricature of a disastrous blind date, but Thurman shines equally well, and breathes real life into someone who could easily seem a shallow airhead.

The triangle is completed by the photographer who pursues Noelle, believing she is Abbey; this role is filled by Ben Chaplin, the latest Brit to invade America's hearts following the Hugh Grant epidemic. On this showing Chaplin's acting skills appear nothing out of the ordinary (he does better in *Feast of July*, released last week); but you can understand the appeal to foreign eyes as he stands, curly-headed, flashing dark eyes, pitching his lines with gawky charm and an array of London vowels. In some scenes it is hard to decide who is being cuter, Chaplin or the large dog that licks faces and rolls on its back.

Audrey Wells's script never jumps from tracks that were wellworn 30 years ago. The feminist angle is strictly superficial, although the degree of bonding between Abbey and her glamorous stand-in does goes beyond the expected. Unusual, too, to find such material put in the hands of Michael Lehmann, subversive director of the teen comedy *Heathers*, although since he lost his footing on misbegotten ventures such as *Hudson Hawk*, he probably thought that cuddling up to conventions was the best way to regain his balance.

Bob Hope plays golf regularly. W.C. Fields fashioned an elaborate routine out of hitting a golf ball, and put it on film in *The Golf Specialist*. But you rarely think of golf as a profitable source for comedy. **Happy Gilmore**, a vehicle for the comic Adam Sandler, and a film marginally better than expected, gives you some of the reasons why.

For what can you make jokes about in golf? The balls can land on people's heads (this happens three times in the early stages), or plop underwater. The caddy can be obstructive. Fields's caddy had squeaky shoes: Sandler starts out with a bizarre spindly specimen with curly blond hair, and then graduates to someone hairy and homeless. You can make cute remarks about golfing attire: the dazzling blazers, the tartan pants. Along the way you can smear sponsors' trademarks all over the screen. All that done, you are left with what can seem to outside observers a peculiarly monotonous spectacle: little balls being driven or tapped into little holes.

So, to sustain itself over 90 minutes, *Happy Gilmore* brings other material into play. Class conflict, for instance. Gilmore is a blue-collar fellow, used to whacking shots on an ice-hockey rink. Golf represents the Establishment, and the film, directed by Dennis Dugan (*Problem Child*), pitches itself at those who would appreciate seeing a roughneck let loose on manicured lawns.

The film also plays heavily on Gilmore's personality. A dangerous game, this, as Sandler's character is petulant and prone to violence: indeed, his actions accidentally lead to two characters' deaths. True, we are told a soft heart lies within: he wants to come top on the professional golf tour to win enough money to save granny's house from the oily clutches of a golfing rival, played by Christopher McDonald. But the person we see for 90 per cent of the time is a short-tempered oik with a whiny voice, not a person you warm to. Any sympathies are directed instead at sportsman-turned-actor Carl Weathers, who plays Gilmore's mentor and is given a ludicrous false hand, much abused as the film proceeds. Oh well. Bad though *Happy Gilmore* is, I could easily imagine it being worse.

This week in London there are no rousing alternatives to Hollywood product. Watching **Les Apprentis**, for instance, offers the kind of excitement experienced when you watch a pigeon's perambulations in a park. First it lumbers this way, then that. A peck at this blade of grass, a peck at that. Does the pigeon know where it's heading? No; and neither does Pierre Salvadori's film.

His characters equally have no sense of direction. Francois Cluzet's Antoine wishes to be a serious playwright, but expends his energies on hack assignments and fretting over his personal life; while Guillaume Depardieu (son of you know who) is good for nothing but lounging about their shared apartment.

Salvadori's previous film, *Wild Target*, coasted along on featherweight black comedy and the veteran skills of Jean Rochefort. But there is little to keep his second film moving. One scene refuses to lead into the next; a plot about crime briefly ignites, sputters, then dies. Sparse incidental music adds to the hollow atmosphere. A few stretches raise a small smile — there is an amusing seduction scene between Guillaume and Claire Laroche — but even the most rabid fanciers of Gallic cinema will find *Les Apprentis* a particularly blank offering.

The target audience for **Hustler White** — gay and male — may also be disappointed: not so much by the graphic content, but by the drooping drama, the lack of humour, and the utterly artless way in which cult director Bruce LaBruce and his photographer cohort Rick Castro shovel their images of LA sex hustlers on to the screen. The plot pursues a surly foreign visitor (LaBruce himself) as he trawls Santa Monica Boulevard and longs for the body of beefcake model Tony Ward. A foot is amputated; chests get burnt and teased with a razor. Other sights are beyond description. Cheering to find the love story reaching a happy ending; otherwise *Hustler White* offers nothing but torture.

Out of London, the film scene looks brighter. The **Cambridge Film Festival**, now in its 20th edition, is up and running at the Arts Cinema (01223 504444), offering 40 British premieres of the best exhibits from Cannes, Berlin and the other festival showcases. Some titles are set for commercial release, although at the moment there seem no takers for Benoît Jacquot's memorable *A Single Girl* (showing on Sunday night) or Arnaud Desplechin's discursive, talky and oddly compelling *How I Got into an Argument* (Tuesday).

The festival ends on July 28 with Susan Streitfeld's *Female Perversions*: not a title to pique my interest after *Hustler White*. But behind it lies an elegant, provocative film, well worth exploring.

Tilda Swinton takes the lead as an American lawyer on the edge of a big career leap. Streitfeld's mission is to examine gender stereotypes and the pressures they generate. A recipe for a dry feminist sermon? Not at all. Swinton's extraordinary presence, and the script's cool intelligence, and the dazzling visual designs by Gus Van Sant regular Missy Stewart help to create the ideal festival offering: a film far too specialised to reach the multiplexes, and far too interesting to languish unseen.

The Truth About Cats & Dogs
Warner West End, 15, 94 mins
Pleasant romantic comedy

Happy Gilmore
Plaza, 12, 92 mins
Loud buffoonery on the golf course

Les Apprentis
ABC Swiss Centre, 15, 98 mins
Meandering French piece of nothing

Hustler White
ICA Cinema, 18, 79 mins
Gay, artless and boring

Uma Thurman and Janeane Garofalo are both on excellent form in *The Truth About Cats & Dogs*

'Ideal for a girls' night in'

SNAP VERDICT

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS & DOGS

Ben Wright, 21: I normally can't stand romantic comedies, especially American ones, but this was reasonably amusing.

Suzie Clay, 22: Men who like dumb blondes and Uma Thurman will love this; I found it a little bit schmaltzy.

Simon Thomas, 19: I thought Janeane Garofalo was very funny; she'll go far.

Naomi Smith, 20: This was great. I can't wait to get it on video: it's ideal for a girls' night in.

HAPPY GILMORE

Ben: This was pretty dreadful; predictable American pap that made me laugh about twice — but not for long.

Suzie: I felt that I had seen too many golf balls land on people's heads in Tom and Jerry cartoons. Enjoyably mindless nonetheless.

Simon: I would not exactly recommend this, but if you were in a nothing sort of mood and had little else to do, then it's probably worth forking out for.

Naomi: I was quite impressed that a film about golf managed to hold my attention, even though the humour was a bit old.

HUSTLER WHITE

Ben: This was fairly revolting. Call me a young fogey, but I'm not really into amputations and rough trade, so this was hardly the film for me.

Suzie: Despite the somewhat shocking subject matter, I quite liked the grungy feel and grittiness of it.

Simon: Although this film seems to be intended for gay people, I don't think that people who aren't should be put off. It certainly opened my eyes.

Naomi: Some of the S&M scenes are pretty sick.

The old chef can still cook

BLUES

Otis Rush
Mean Fiddler, NW10

Otis Rush: Chicago legend blew London fans away

THIS was a gig to be approached with caution. Guitarist and singer Otis Rush was widely considered to be one of the most talented and certainly one of the most influential of the new generation of artists who dominated the Chicago blues world in the late 1950s. But, after bursting on the scene with a clutch of classic songs such as *I Can't Quit You Baby* and *Double Trouble*, it all seemed to go wrong. His immense gifts were squandered on indifferent recordings and lacklustre live dates.

But spread the good news: this was a bluesman, if not at the height of his powers (at 62, it's impossible to turn the clock back quite that far), then in full command of them. Dressed in a suit and the stetson which now appears obligatory for senior bluesmen, he opened with *Crosscut Saw* before revisiting one of his biggest hits, *All Your Love* — and not just revisiting it, but turning it into a showpiece for his controlled yet distinctive guitar licks, allied to his strong and soulful vocals.

Then came a rocking *Homework*, a classic song he first cut in 1962, followed by the blues ballad that could be a summary of Rush's troubled career, *Right Place, Wrong Time*. He was able to bring to the song, and to several other slow numbers, the kind of vocal and instrumental eloquence that lesser artists can spend a lifetime trying to achieve. It would be trite to say he made it look simple. Perhaps it was just a case of less effort, more results.

It helped immeasurably, too, that he brought with him a strong and tight American backing band with a rhythm section more solid than Gilbraltar. But best of all was the fact that Rush was obviously enjoying himself. This wasn't a duty, this wasn't a chore, this was purely pleasure.

The number of stars from the golden age of Chicago blues is diminishing rapidly. We should cherish those that remain.

JOHN CLARKE

RADIO: Scintillating Asian comedy, and a rare politician worthy of respect

Racial equality of laughter

WHEN Radio 4 announced "Britain's first all-Asian comedy series", the temptation arose to run for cover and wait until it was all over. Attempts to satisfy minority ethnic audiences have often embarrassed the community concerned and left the wider audience none the wiser. But **Goodness Gracious Me** (Fridays) is a triumph, a truly witty show. You are left wondering why it has been given only four episodes, of which the third arrives this week.

Circumstances obliged me not to review the show before now, which turns out to be a happy accident, because the quality of the series as a whole is now apparent.

Neither of the stools between which most of these projects fall is apparent here: there is no attempt to make comedy purely for an Asian audience, nor does the show exploit the Asian community for a non-Asian audience.

As with all the best comedy, the funniest moments involve showing stereotypes through a distorting mirror. Hence the Asian family, going out in Bombay for "an English" and vying to choose the blandest dish on the menu.

There is a telling sequence with an Indian family on holiday in London. An attempt at bartering brought this response from a Cockney: "Look, the *Daily Mirror* costs 30p and that's that." And the Indian family's matriarch, surveying the streets of London, wonderfully inverts the image of the white man in Calcutta: "I knew there was begging but I had no idea there was so much of it".

> ❛ The show deserves a transfer to television ❜

Goodness Gracious Me takes its title from the 1960s novelty song recorded by Peter Sellers and Sophia Loren. The show is written by British Asians and produced by Anil Gupta and Gareth Edwards. Gupta, a television producer, had the original idea and it deserves a transfer to television, a medium in which Asians are all but invisible.

The other unexpected pleasure this week was **A Night with Julian Critchley** (Saturday), a timely reminder in an era of dullard politicians that Critchley, in spite of long illness and great pain, retains a sharp individuality which is too much for the grey-suit culture, more is the pity.

Critchley's life has been dominated by returns: the return of his childhood affliction, polio, and the return of the love of his life, Pru. They met as students at the Sorbonne and were reunited 40 years later.

A man with a splendid line in insults, the irony of one of them is not lost on Critchley. He relishes Harold Macmillan's description of Sir Geoffrey Howe as "Mogadon man" and has a constant reminder of that epithet nowadays: his pain is so great that he takes two Mogadons to get to sleep.

PETER BARNARD

Empty vessel, beguiling noise

OPERA

Vanitas
Almeida

AMONG the richly varied fare on offer at this summer's Almeida Opera Festival, nothing is quite as esoteric as Salvatore Sciarrino's *Vanitas*. In its first British performance on Tuesday, *Vanitas* lived up to both its Latin title ("Emptiness"), and subtitle of "Still Life in One Act", revealing its Sicilian composer in navel-gazing mode.

Not that it is boring: at 50 minutes' duration, this song-cycle opera is too short to pall. But it is numbingly slow and unvaried, the opposite of Kagel's *Variété*, which has also been included in this Almeida season and which shared the bill at the premiere of *Vanitas* in Milan 15 years ago.

Sciarrino (born in 1947) is a limited but canny composer, one of the few to have made computer music sound poetic and the only one with enough chutzpah to have written another *Lohengrin*; even when, as in *Vanitas*, his music is undramatic, it somehow remains theatrical.

Surrealist images abound in *Vanitas*, relating to roses and the colour red. Its six continuous movements are based on fragmentary texts in English, French, German, Italian and Latin — though most of the words are hard to follow. Scoring is for voice, piano and cello, and the singer's melismatic figure heard in the first movement against steady piano chords becomes an obsessive *leitmotif*. Instrumental outbursts, especially scatterings of notes on the piano, feature in this music too, but none disturb its slow underlying pulse. With the exception of ghostly slithering and scraping on the cello, few of the effects are interesting in themselves — but they combine with hypnotic results.

Although *Vanitas* was staged (with mimes) at its premiere, its song-cycle structure supports "straight" concert presentation. The Almeida's performance came somewhere in between the two possibilities, and in doing so at least avoided the pseudery which must be a danger lurking behind any full production. Angela Davies designed a shaft of "floating" red roses around which Paul Russell provided atmospheric lighting, while the three performers faded in and out of darkness.

Susan Bickley's silken mezzo brought lyricism to the vocal lines, and the pianist Rolf Hind and cellist Frances-Marie Uitti dispatched Sciarrino's strangely compelling music with aplomb.

JOHN ALLISON

■ CHOICE 1

Joan Armatrading goes unplugged for the fans in Liverpool

VENUE: Tonight, Institute for the Performing Arts

■ CHOICE 2

Michael Flatley tours his new Celtic show, *Lord of the Dance*

VENUE: Tonight at the Apollo, Manchester

THE TIMES ARTS

■ NEW VIDEOS

The flesh is willing but the plot is weak: Verhoeven's *Showgirls* strut their stuff

■ NEW CDS

Stravinsky done proud: *The Rake's Progress* is swift and sure on a new recording

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

THE LIGHTS New play by Howard Korder, author of the superbly tight *Search and Destroy*. Two women and a man journey through an urban purgatory. Ian Rickson directs a vice-versa production, with the audience on the stage watching the action in the auditorium.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens July 22, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm

SAM SHEPARD FESTIVAL: Three weeks of Shepard plays, discussions and short pieces draws to a close this weekend with three performances only of **Savage/Love**, a music-theatre performance bringing together a collection of pieces about broken hearts and obsessive love (Main House, tonight-Sat, 10pm). The core programme, comprising *States of Shock*, *A Lie of the Mind* and *Suicide in B Flat*, will continue to run concurrently. **Battersea Arts Centre**, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (0171-223 2223).

VASARI SINGERS: Jeremy Backhouse conducts the choral group in what promises to be an exemplary performance of works by Mendelssohn, Brahms, Cornelius, Reger and Schoenberg. The 1988 Sainsbury's Choir of the Year is joined by Jeremy Filsell and Francis Pott, piano duet.
Wigmore, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

HUDDERSFIELD: Pimlico Opera presents a single performance of Stephen Langridge's staging of Mozart's **Don Giovanni**. The young baritone Jozik Koc sings the title role, with the Irish soprano Fiona McAndrew singing the role of Elvira.
Lawrence Batley, Queen's Square ⓢ (01484 430 528). Tonight, 7.30pm. Next in **South Shields**: The Customs House (0191-454 1234), July 20; **King's Lynn**, Arts Centre (01553 773 578), July 22.

LIVERPOOL: The award-winning singer-songwriter **Joan Armatrading** will demonstrate her unique vocal talents and guitar skills in a one-off acoustic show. The Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts provides a suitably intimate setting.
Tickets from the Royal Court Theatre Box Office, Roe Street, L1 (0151-709 4321). Tonight, 8pm.

MANCHESTER: Few tickets remaining for choreographer Michael Flatley's new Celtic dance extravaganza, **Lord of the Dance**, following the phenomenal success of *Riverdance*.
Apollo, Ardwick Green (0161-242 2560). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: The fourth, annual **Phoenix Festival** gets underway with sets from David Bowie, the Prodigy, Gene, Frank Black and Placebo (today). Neil Young and Alanis Morissette will headline tomorrow's programme, while the line-up on Saturday and Sunday includes Bjork, Massive Attack, the Sex Pistols, Terrorvision and Echobelly.
Long Marston Airfield, Long Marston (tickets 0171-344 0044, information 0181-963 0940). Today-Sunday, day tickets only remaining

LONDON GALLERIES

Courtauld: *The Four Elements* (0171-873 2526) ... **Curwen Gallery**: Yuji Oki Recent Paintings (0171-636 1459) ... **Goethe Institut**: Georg Baselitz: Engravings, Woodcuts and Linocuts 1965-1992 (0171-411 3400) ... **Llewellyn Alexander**: Not the Royal Academy 1996 (0171-620 1322) ... **National Gallery**: Huber's *Christ taking Leave of his Mother* (0171-747 2885) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: Family Albums (0171-306 0055) ... **The Orangery**: Hackney Contemporaries (0171-603 1123) ... **The Photographers' Gallery**: Philip Lorca Dicorcia, Hollywood (0171-831 1772) **Royal Academy**: 228th Summer Exhibition (0171-439 7438) ... **V & A**: William Morris (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
ⓢ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **THE ASPERN PAPERS**: Michael Redgrave's slightly old-fashioned version of the Henry James tale of literary skulduggery. With Hannah Gordon, Daniel J Travanti, Moira Lister.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm.

□ **BIRDY**: William Wharton's best-selling novel where a schizophrenic longs for freedom, oddly filmed but now adapted for the stage by Naomi Wallace. Kevin Knight directs Tam Williams and Adam Garcia.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until August 17

ⓢ **BY JEEVES**: Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm ⓢ

□ **THE CHOICE**: Eve Matheson plays the mother-to-be in Claire Luckham's moving and semi-autobiographical play about loving a Down's syndrome child. Judged Best New Play in the Martini/TMA Awards. Dominic Hill directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence St, Richmond (0181-940 0141). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm

□ **COMEDY OF ERRORS**: The New Shakespeare Company's season opens with Claire Lyth's production of the Bard's double-twin mix-up. Cast includes Debra Beaumont and Paula Wilcox. In rep.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **CORIOLANUS**: Steven Berkoff's much-travelled production, with himself as a snarling, ear-breaking fascist.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, EC4 (0171-236 2211). Tue-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 3pm. Until July 20 ⓢ

ⓢ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with David Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Petit and Estelle Kohler as the pillars of society.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

ⓢ **RICHARD III**: David Troughton plays the king as a psychopathic court jester in Steven Pimlott's arresting production, up from Stratford.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. In rep.

□ **SALAD DAYS**: Welcome return of Julian Slade's tuneful musical, directed by Ned Sherrin. Nicola Fulljames and Simon Connolly play the young lovers in a company that also includes Kit and the Widow.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm

ⓢ **THIS LIME TREE BOWER**: Clumsy seduction and a shambolic crime feature in award-winning Conor McPherson's new play, set in an Irish seaside town.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **TOMMY**: Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm ⓢ

ⓢ **TWELVE ANGRY MEN**: Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and nine excellent others in Reginald Rose's celebrated jury-room drama.
Comedy, Panton Street SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

■ **WAR AND PEACE**: Shared Experience's treatment of Tolstoy's novel tells the story but forfeits the feel and context.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 6.30pm. In rep ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ... □ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) ... ⓢ **Fame: The Musical**: Cambridge (0171-494 5083) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ... ⓢ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ... □ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ... ⓢ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE CABLE GUY** (12): Obnoxious comedy with Jim Carrey as a pathological cable television technician. Director, Ben Stiller.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (0990 888 990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

THE CELLULOID CLOSET (15): Absorbing documentary about the treatment of gays in mainstream movies. Directors, Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman.
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME (U): Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise.
Odeon Leicester Square (01426 915683)

FEAST OF JULY (15): Love and tragedy in late Victorian England. Turgid drama from H.E. Bates's novel, with Embeth Davidtz and Ben Chaplin. Director, Christopher Menaul.
Odeon Haymarket (01426-915 353)

◆ **KINGPIN** (12): Unfunny comedy about hustlers on the road, with Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid and Bill Murray. Directors, Peter and Bobby Farrelly.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888 990)

THE TIT AND THE MOON (18): The sexual development of a nine-year-old boy. Unexpected magic from Catalan director Bigas Luna.
MGMs: Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148)

CURRENT

◆ **THE JUROR** (18): Few genuine thrills as Alec Baldwin's Mafia henchman leans on Demi Moore's juror. Director, Brian Gibson.
UCI Whiteleys ⓢ (0990 888 990) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MOONLIGHT AND VALENTINO** (15): Widow finds comfort with family, friends and a blond house painter. Decent romantic drama, with Elizabeth Perkins, Kathleen Turner, Jon Bon Jovi. Director, David Anspaugh.
MGM Trocadero ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (0990 888 990) **Warner** ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE ROCK** (18): Belligerent action movie set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery and Ed Harris.
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◆ **SECRETS & LIES** (15): Mike Leigh's Cannes triumph: an uneven but absorbing tale about family life, its pains, bonds, and skeletons. With Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spall.
ABCs: Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ⓢ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **SMOKE** (15): Criss-crossing lives in Brooklyn. Agreeable, talky piece written by Paul Auster, with Harvey Keitel and William Hurt. Director, Wayne Wang.
Barbican ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **MGM Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470)

◆ **A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE AND HATE** (18): Dull, clumsy comedy about a stud's comeuppance. Martin Lawrence directs and stars.
MGM Trocadero ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** ⓢ (0990 888 990)

◆ **UP CLOSE & PERSONAL** (15): Love and cliches in a television newsroom. Paper-thin romantic drama with Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert Redford. Director, Jon Avnet.
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Bump — and a bit of a grind

NEW ON VIDEO

■ **SHOWGIRLS**
Fox Guild, 18, 1995
PLENTY of razzmatazz, bared flesh and gold lamé but no heart and no originality in this hoary yarn about show-business life in Las Vegas. Elizabeth Berkley, a performer plucked from nowhere, plays the hot, grasping girl who begins as a lowly stripper and ends up the Strip's main attraction, spewing out of a volcano in a tasteful show called *Goddess*. Paul Verhoeven's crude direction matches the storyline; the music pummels the ears, and the dancing never makes the screen shake. Collectors of follies may enjoy renting it.

■ **THE BIG COUNTRY**
Warner Home Video, PG, 1958
BIG country, big cast, big thoughts, big music, big running time: William Wyler's Western went all out for size, *though the plot boils down to a simple* family feud, coupled with a muted plea for pacifism. Unusually vigorous work by Charlton Heston as the nasty ranch foreman who upsets Gregory Peck's marriage plans, but even Heston is ultimately dwarfed by Franz Planer's majestic photography of the landscapes.

■ **DANGEROUS MINDS**
Buena Vista, 15, 1995
FORMER Marine Michelle Pfeiffer gets a new career as a teacher and brings hope to an inner-city school. An unexpected box-office hit, this film from Canadian director John N. Smith follows paths laid out decades before with *Blackboard Jungle* and *To Sir, With Love*. Very predictable and unconvincingly cast, yet audiences have obviously warmed to its rose-tinted picture of urban life. Available to rent.

■ **DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE**
Warner Home Video, 12, 1932
Forget *Mary Reilly* and take a look instead at this most splendid of all screen versions of Stevenson's story, with Fredric March in the title roles. London has never looked so claustrophobic and foggy; and the script wins points with its sophisticated use of Dr Jekyll's sexual frustrations. Director Rouben Mamoulian always was a master of ingenious effects and managed the transformation scenes by plastering March's face with layers of make-up that changed in texture when they were photographed through colour filters.

■ **SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH**
MGM/UA, 15, 1962
PAUL NEWMAN's Hollywood drifter returns home to stir up a hornet's nest that could only derive from the heated imagination of Tennessee Williams. Screen censorship made this a sweeter bird than on the stage. The changes muddy the characters' motivations, but enough chances remain for meaty acting. Newman apart, there are Geraldine Page as the fading star fogged by vodka, and Ed Begley in his best movie role, clutching his braces as the corrupt local politician.

GEOFF BROWN

Baring all except the soul: Paul Verhoeven's Las Vegas folly, *Showgirls*, is all flash and flesh and no heart

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ERICH Hobarth, leader of the excellent period-instrument Quatuor Mosaiques, and Patrick Cohen, playing on a 1790 Viennese fortepiano, present their second delicious volume of Mozart sonatas. These are from the middle period of the composer's life: from the day he left Salzburg for Paris in 1778 to the time of his first *successes three years later in* Vienna.

The last of the sonatas dedicated to the Palatine Electress, K306 in D major, resounds with the pomp and circumstance associated with that key, especially in the bright, gold-leaf tone of this fortepiano, the vigour of the players' repartee and the close recording. Then comes K376, written when Mozart was 25 and putting the finishing touches to *Il Seraglio*. It bristles with buoyant new ideas, which the imagination of Cohen and Hobarth make sound very new indeed.

After a break for the Six Variations of K360, they take on the little K296 Sonata, written *in Mannheim* and dedicated by Mozart to the daughter of his hosts, "the nymph of the house, my honourable pupil". Both players delight shamelessly in its spirited trilling, its demure slow movement and final, mischievous variations. A recording that cannot be too highly recommended.

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

■ **ROUSSEL**
Bacchus et Ariane; Le festin de l'araignée
BBC Philharmonic/Tortelier
Chandos CHAN 9494★★★
THE Albert Roussel discography grows apace, and rightly so. The French composer (1869-1937) straddled Debussian Impressionism and Stravinskian Neo-Classicism, but always maintained a personal voice. By the time of his ballet score *Bacchus et Ariane* in 1930, he had worked through both an opulent Romantic phase and a more austere abstract one. Now he was able to put a masterly technique to illustrative purposes: the Classical story of Bacchus and Ariadne is depicted in two sequences of highly coloured, brilliantly realised movements, ranging from Dionysian dances to an emotional climax — *The Kiss* — redolent of Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* music.

This is territory in which Yan Pascal Tortelier and the BBC Philharmonic excel: the quality of playing and conducting is extremely high, as it is in the earlier ballet *Le festin d'araignée* (The Spider's Banquet). The scenario for this 1912 ballet features ants, a butterfly, a mayfly and the eponymous spider, inspiring Roussel to weave his own delicate web of sound. Tortelier captures the bustle of small-scale activity to perfection.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ **STRAVINSKY**
The Rake's Progress
Upshaw/Bumbry/Hadley/Ramey/Lyons Opera Orchestra/Nagano
Erato 0630-12715-2 (2 CDs)★★★
AN AMERICAN quartet of principals coupled with a French orchestra do Stravinsky's moral tale proud. Jerry Hadley showed himself a near ideal Tom Rakewell at the Salzburg Festival a couple of years ago and his performance has lost nothing in its clever mingling of charm and sadness. His high tenor is made for Tom, eager for easy money and as ready as Faust himself for the joys of youth under a devil's guidance. The quality of the singing is such that it is impossible not to be on Tom's side as he descends through greed to madness, via London's fleshpots.

The arioso in Bedlam is rightly dreamlike and is matched by the lullaby sung by Anne Trulove. In that role Dawn Upshaw fills her soprano with an adolescent timbre as she follows her Tom to the end. Samuel Ramey, who recorded *Rake* under Chailly a decade ago, remains Nick Shadow, a suave figure careful to reveal his devilish claws only at the end. All three articulate beautifully the Auden-Kallman text, surely the most urbane libretto of the century. Grace Bumbry's Baba The Turk, though, is more Bronx than Byzantium.

Kent Nagano puts on the Stravinsky style, spiky and tender and ironic by turns, with exemplary crispness. The recording quality is excellent.

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Writing for the young is a demanding career, the Carnegie Medal-winning Philip Pullman tells **Nicolette Jones**

What shall we tell the children?

DES JENSON

"I'd go on the dole rather than be a teacher now," says Philip Pullman, who gave up being one, and then a college lecturer, in order to devote himself to writing

Philip Pullman, whose novel *Northern Lights* won the prestigious Carnegie Medal for children's literature yesterday, said at the prize-giving ceremony that children's fiction is a better medium for serious writers than adult fiction, because "only in children's literature is the story taken seriously". The wisdom, he says, lies in the story, not in commentary or in philosophic interludes. "As Isaac Bashevis Singer said in one of his stories, 'events never stale'."

Pullman argues, moreover, that children's authors are neither, as some seem to believe, dilettantes writing as a genteel pastime, nor emotionally arrested inhabitants of Wendy houses. Catering for children is not in itself childish: 'Paediatricians have no less training than other kinds of doctors," he points out.

> ❛ Only children's literature takes the story seriously ❜

Certainly *Northern Lights*, his prize-winning novel, blurs the distinction between adult and children's fiction. In America it is being sold as an adult novel, although here it is being marketed for children aged 12 and over. It is sophisticated, substantial — not only because it is 400 pages long — emotionally involving and full of potent images. *Northern Lights* is in fact only the first part of a trilogy which will fill some 1,200 pages and takes its title from Milton. *His Dark Materials* is a reference to the stuff from which the Almighty can create new worlds, just as Pullman has done. The trilogy owes a further debt to *Paradise Lost*, partly because the theme of original sin underlies it and partly because Pullman realised that Milton used pictorial equivalents to convey states of mind; it gave him the idea of doing the same. "If the pictorial equivalent has to be ten feet high and have wings, so be it."

The principal pictorial equivalent of an abstract idea in Pullman's world is the fact that every human being in his novel has as a constant companion a "daemon", a soul in animal form. Children's daemons change constantly, but they take a fixed shape when they grow up — and not always the form the adult would like most. "There's plenty of folk as'd like to have a lion as a daemon and they end up with a poodle," one character tells us. "And till they learn to be satisfied with what they are, they're going to be fretful about it. Waste of feeling, that is."

Among Pullman's other metaphorical inventions are articulate bears in armour and a pocket-sized piece of brass and crystal machinery that measures truth — all of which makes *Northern Lights* qualify as a fantasy novel. But if this makes you think of standard sub-Tolkein elfin exploits expressed in arch archaisms, think again. *Northern Lights* is an original. It is an adventure story with a 12-year-old heroine about a terrible threat to children. It is set in a universe parallel to ours, which broke away and developed independently so that it has characteristics of both the past and the future. Its unreality is underpinned by historical verity, and a narrative that is unerringly cohesive. Nothing in it is arbitrary.

Pullman, who started his writing career with two novels for adults, came into children's literature because, as a middle-school teacher, he discovered how much he enjoyed writing the schools plays, some of which have since been worked up into children's novels. He also used to recount the tales of the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* to his pupils, which refined his talent for narrative.

He then spent eight years lecturing at Westminster College, Oxford, and one of his academic specialisations was oral storytelling. Each of his lectures began with telling a story. The experience, he says, taught him timing and the need to cut out anything that might lose the audience.

Pullman believes that one of the many subtle functions of children's literature is to teach them about growing up and about being human. He also believes that the kind of lessons it imparts are stifled by the National Curriculum, and the compulsion to teach only what is testable. The tests themselves, he says, measure "nothing the teachers didn't already know about the children", and are really "a way of testing the teachers" in an atmosphere of mistrust. "I'd go on the dole rather than be a teacher now," he says. "It's desperate."

With half a dozen books and several prizes behind him, he has given up lecturing in order to write. He works in a shed at the end of his Oxford garden, surrounded by instruments (his elder son is a musician), and a collection of traveller's memorabilia. He had a rootless and peripatetic childhood because his father and stepfather were both airmen.

Given the place of flying in his past it is ironic that, when asked what his own daemon would be, he chooses a bird. "Ravens are thought of as tricksters in America; so I like the idea of being a raven." His alter ego might be devious, but his books suggest that his talent is no con.

● *The Carnegie Medal is judged by librarians and administered by the Library Association. The prize is the medal and £1,000 worth of books, to be given to the organisation of the winner's choice by Peters Library Service*

● Northern Lights *is reviewed on Saturday in the* Weekend Times

THEATRE: Unbowed in Manchester; unconvincing gay drama; and unbridled tragi-comic laughs

Prancing out of the rubble

The Philadelphia Story
Royal Exchange Mobile, Manchester

A LINE of boards blocks off the St Ann's Square entrance to the Royal Exchange and you cannot even get into the section of Cross Street where the front entrance is. Broken glass and plaster dust are said to have fallen everywhere inside the building, although the theatre itself is thought to be undamaged, held within its cat's cradle of steel rods in the centre of the main hall. The damage done to the building by the IRA bomb five weeks ago has yet to be revealed — a statement is due next week — but it may be two years before the Royal Exchange Company is putting on plays in the place that gave it its name.

A closure for refurbishment was being planned anyway, to build a studio theatre and do up the peripheral rooms. Closure has just come a year earlier, but not to the company. At the other end of Deansgate in a disused fruit market, the company's Mobile Theatre has been erected under the glass and girdered roof. The theatre seats 400 instead of the 700 in the abandoned building because, while the stage dimensions and ground floor seating are the same, the two upper galleries are absent.

Because the dimensions emphasise the horizontal instead of the vertical, the stage seems bigger than before. The feel of the place is welcoming. As is often the case after disasters, the company pulses with energy. And its first production here is a triumph.

Philip Barry's 1939 play was filmed with Katharine Hepburn and later turned into a musical as *High Society*. Divorced rich girl is about to marry a prig. Two reporters come to do a hatchet job on the landed classes, and not till the end can you be sure which of three men (prig, male reporter, former husband) Barry will lead his heroine towards.

A sub-plot introducing some public-spirited blackmail is needlessly complicated but this scarcely matters because the charm of the play lies in its wittily civilised back-chat and the portrait of an opinionated young woman who changes herself for the better.

The American actress Jordan Baker began on a sharp note but by the pivotal, poolside act was showing the character's anxious puzzlement. It is important that we see her vulnerability, and Baker's wide-searching eyes allow us to do this, and her last-act entrance, glazed with drink, sometimes on all fours, is excellent comic acting.

SHEILA BURNETT

Rich kid: Jordan Baker shows excellent comic acting

Her compatriot Josephine Abady, the play's director, has evidently taken in her stride all the unplanned distractions of her British debut. Her production has an open feel, with the agitation of some characters set against the calm, sassy and classy, of others. Playing the hard (but of course poetic at heart) reporter, Richard Hawley capably shows him unburdening himself of shoulder-chips; and Tom Mannion, the heroine's ex, is outstanding in a Cary Grant-ish sort of role. Several other good performances enliven an evening of humanity and good humour. Simon Higlett's prairie-style furnishings are a marvel.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Guilty parties

Giovanni's Room
Drill Hall, WC1

JAMES BALDWIN's novel about an American in Paris was a bold postwar portrait of the griefs inflicted on the gay life when homosexuality was kept in the closet. Though rather weakly dramatised here by Out And Proud Ltd, *Giovanni's Room* still pointedly explores the damage done by David, the American, who cannot confess he is bisexual.

Suffering from confused feelings, conformism and misconceptions of moral wrong, David devastates the lives of both his fiancée Hella and Giovanni, the devoted barman whom he takes as a lover while away from home.

Though he does share a tiny apartment with Giovanni for some time, he unceremoniously bins him when David's prospective wife returns. Hella, hurt by dishonesty, eventually packs her bags as David zigzags desperately between women and men.

Meanwhile Giovanni, abandoned and reduced to poverty, crawls back to his callous boss, Guillaume, who sexually abuses him then callously announces there is no post for his former employee. Giovanni kills Guillaume. Racked by guilt, David blames himself for this crime. Moreover David's real vice has been not carnally embracing a man but being incapable of real love and commitment.

The snag with this production is that the emotions are on the surface, the very fault Baldwin was criticising. Maia Guest's production is tinged with sentimentality. The traumas Baldwin's love triangle endure, veering between ardour, anger and intense insecurity, have to be from the gut.

Only Peter Gaitens's David demonstrates this distress, tearing up telegrams with shaky fingers. Ed Vassallo's muscle-bound Giovanni can shift between potential violence and vulnerable clutchiness but he and David rely too heavily on the mutual rasping of jawlines. Supposedly sincere passion is hard to distinguish from shallow clichés. Baldwin is partly to blame. His characters' speeches can sound hackneyed.

Still, Christopher Oram's set strikingly cramps the protagonists in a narrow corridor, up against the stony wall. They are often under the supercilious eye of Guillaume, Bette Bourne injecting some venomous swish into the part.

The cast's stylised staging is occasionally telling. As David slumps over letters from his conscience-nagging father and fiancée, the latter's depressing spirit stands at his elbow, obligingly pouring him glass after glass of wine in which he drowns his anxieties. Sweet-voiced Kristen Marks meanwhile interweaves bluesy jazz numbers, evoking nostalgia but with a bitter edge.

KATE BASSETT

Tragic, but you have to laugh

The Memory of Water
Hampstead

TOWARDS the end of Shelagh Stephenson's first play, the ghost of an old woman walks past her own coffin, gravely conferring forgiveness on the daughter who patronised her from the heights of a career in medicine. The young doctor, who has herself just learnt of the death of the son she bore when she was 14, slumps in confused agony to the floor. Swept up in the excesses of the moment, you might reasonably conclude that the author's influences included Webster, O'Neill and Mrs Henry Wood, who wrote that quaking melodrama, *East Lynne*.

But no, not at all. The truth is that Stephenson is a vastly talented comic dramatist and has written one of the funnier plays I have seen this year. However, both she and it are suffering from a severe case of teething troubles. For one thing, Stephenson has not yet learnt to control that most slippery of genres, tragi-comedy. For another, she packs far too much material, funny and serious and funny-serious, into two and a half hours.

Mum's three daughters are gathered in Mum's dismal north-country home for Mum's funeral. Stephenson fills us in on both the grimmish politics both of Mum's marriage and the sibling jealousies of the next generation. Adding assorted onstage and offstage males to the brew, she also elaborates on the young women's unsatisfactory personal lives. Scatty Catherine (Matilda Ziegler) smokes pot and phones the latest of her 78 lovers, a Spanish restaurateur who does not want to know. Self-righteous, self-pitying Teresa (Jane Booker) bosses her lugubrious Scots husband Frank and, although technically teetotal, goes on a mean drunk, vindictively informing the mourners of her doctor-sister's teenage pregnancy.

It is clearly a bad day for Mary, as her victim is called, and it soon becomes a worse one. In addition to getting awful news about the long-lost son who obsesses her, she is more or less rejected by her married lover. It would be nice to report that Stephenson and Haydn Gwynne, the strong, sensitive actress playing Mary, manage to assimilate the pain she feels into a consistent, credible plot; but they cannot and do not. At worst, *Memory of Water* flings up feelings and ideas as randomly as a baggage-vomitory at Heathrow.

But the play is seldom at its worst and reassuringly often at its best. Not many dramatists have as sharp an eye for the quirks of character as Stephenson, and still fewer are so adroit when it comes to turning comic dialogue. If I did not care very much about their fate, I laughed and laughed at individual members of Terry Johnson's cast, down to Dermot Crowley's wonderfully morose Frank, who has returned in midwinter to his mother-in-law's funeral from a business trip to Düsseldorf which ended in a 14-hour flight mostly spent in the company of "a woman from Carlisle who runs a puppet theatre for the deaf".

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MUSIC FESTIVALS

No queues for almost-Mozart

Van Swieten Quartet
St Olave's Church, York

THE York Early Music Festival, it seemed, had caught the public imagination at last. "Decades of Change: 1,000 years of 90s" is scarcely a slogan to inspire a traffic jam from the bypass to the city centre, but there it was: solid, hot and unmoving. Illusions evaporated half an hour later at the Racecourse, where the coaches turned off, and half an hour later again at St Olave's Church, where the Van Swieten Quartet was running in the 12.30 with a handicap of variable tuning and a mere handful of punters to greet its British debut.

A programme including Mozart's last quartet, which is just within the "90s" theme of the festival, might have brought a little more of the traffic to Marygate. What the Van Swieten Quartet actually had to offer was a tantalisingly devised concert of not-quite Mozart, beginning with pre-Mozart examples of quartet preludes and fugues by Gregor Werner and Salieri's teacher, Florian Leopold Gassmann.

The nearest approach to Mozart was Franz Danzi's String Quartet, Op 6 No 1, which delightfully turned out to be variations on themes from *The Marriage of Figaro* and which demonstrated just as much affection for the melodies as professional skill in exploiting their popularity.

It was rewarding, too, to hear a string quartet by Josef Leopold Eybler — the composer who, invited before Süssmayr to complete Mozart's Requiem, had the good taste to realise he was not up to it. What he lacked, or so it seems from his Op 1 No 1, was the contrapuntal knowledge fundamental to the task. He did, on the other hand, have a gift for string colouring, as his poetically scored slow movement shows, and he lacked nothing in style. That much was clear from a performance which, in spite of failures in first-violin intonation exceeding the allowance usually made for gut strings and minimum vibrato, was both imaginative and adept.

GERALD LARNER

Head over heart

Ricardo Castro
Chester Town Hall

RICARDO Castro is a very well organised pianist. *Gerald Larner writes*: just the sort to keep his cool in an important international competition and to win through largely by doing nothing wrong, as when he took the first prize in Leeds. Three years later he is still cool and still impressive. But, as the response of a capacity audience at the Chester Summer Music Festival demonstrated, he is not unexciting.

His Beethoven interpretation at the beginning was a clear warning that we should expect nothing very demonstrative from him. We should listen instead for clarity, for precise balance, for finely drawn melodic phrasing, for sensitivity to harmonic rather than dramatic events. In a work as inspired as that of the *Pathétique Sonata*, what Castro offered was quite enough, even if he drew the line at offering overt support to the composer's romantic ambitions here.

Historical evidence suggests that Chopin was not given to emotional histrionics in performance either. Pianists can drool over the more lyrical material of the Sonata in B minor and get much satisfaction. Conversely, they can preserve the elegance of the line and the stability of the rhythms in the slow movement, as Castro did, and get no less out of it in terms of nocturnal atmosphere and melodic enchantment. He could have adopted a more urgent attitude in the finale but, in these interpretative circumstances, it would have been inconsistent.

In Schumann's *Etudes symphoniques*, however, no amount of clarity could compensate for the absence, or suppression perhaps, of instinctive sympathy with the composer's state of mind. Whatever Schumann did to revise the work — and he was never completely happy with it — the freshness of his youthful inspiration survives. Castro recognised that in a lovely encore performance of a discarded early study. But in the work itself he seemed determined to exaggerate its structural faults and ignore its lyrical personality.

Ronald Hayman examines a modern psychiatric guru's thirst for publicity

Divided in his own desires

Since Sophocles wrote about Philoctetes, the equation of genius with a stinking wound has been commonplace in discussions about artists and writers. It is, however, unusual for a wounded genius to become a psychiatrist. Both of these biographies show how much Ronald Laing suffered — while making his name, while withdrawing from the limelight and while struggling to stage a comeback. But his powers went on fading to the point at which he wrote: "I'm nothing now I've lost my funky charm."

His mad mother inflicted the first damage. He never had much physical contact with her, and when he was five, she burnt his favourite toy, a wooden horse, saying he was too attached to it. While he was in the Army she destroyed his baby grand piano and all the papers he'd kept from school and university. Later, convinced he was wicked, she tried to give him a heart attack by sticking pins into a doll.

The insecurity she had induced made it easier for him to empathise with schizoid patients. The beautiful schizophrenic he features in the last chapter of *The Divided Self* "was trying to find happiness. She felt unreal and there was an invisible barrier between herself and others. She was empty and worthless. She was worried lest she was too destructive and was beginning to think it best not to touch anything in case she caused damage. She had a great deal to say about her mother. She was smothering her, she would not let her live, and she had never wanted her."

Like an actor, a schizophrenic is subject to conflicting impulses, wanting at once to conceal and reveal himself. Other people are dangerous because their gaze may probe the core of his inner self, but the danger is preferable to isolation. In Laing, from the outset, the need to perform was inseparable from the desire to help. As a medical student in Glasgow, after observing inmates in the psychiatric unit of Duke Street Hospital, he used to imagine he was a paranoid schizophrenic, thinking his way step by step into the role.

At his best during the Sixties, he became a star performer at conferences, but though he knew there was always an element of acting in the misplaced aggression that Freud called "acting out", he couldn't always restrain his pugnacity. During a conference on "The Dialectics of Liberation" in 1967 he was trying to needle Stokely Carmichael, the black activist: "The thing is, Stokely, I like black people, but I could never stand their smell."

Of all his bestsellers, the one that sold best was *The Politics of Experience*, which came out the same year. Inevitably ambivalent about family life, he said the family's function was "to repress Eros; to induce a false consciousness of security; to deny death by avoiding life . . . to create, in short, one-dimensional man; to promote respect, conformity, obedience; to con children out of play; to induce a fear of failure . . . to promote respect for 'respectability'."

By then he was separated from his first wife, Anne, who had borne five of his 10 children. Though this outburst had some of its roots in bitterness about his childhood and adult experiences of family life, he also felt genuinely indignant about patients who had suffered at home from "violence disguised as love", and he succeeded in providing real help — through his private practice, his public statements and his Philadelphia Association, which offered patients housing, tolerance and sympathy.

Daniel Burston suggests that in his assaults on the family another factor was his "desire to boost his popularity among segments of the left and the counterculture, who welcomed this kind of intemperate rhetoric". But after years of practising yoga and meditation, he withdrew in 1971 to spend over a year in India and Ceylon. He said he had never been "*political* in an activist sense . . . Politically, I think I am neutral, really."

Though he intended to turn his back on "the publicity thing", he was tossed between extravagance and highly paid public appearances, while exorbitant drinking exacerbated his competitiveness and his compulsion to subvert conventions. At the age of 54, during a conference in Rome, he offered to fight all comers in an Indian wrestling match, and in 1983 he took a friend, John Heaton, with him to visit a man who could provide funds for the Philadelphia Association. Despite the presence of her boyfriend, the man's 20-year-old daughter was sitting at Laing's feet when, complaining of boredom, he challenged Heaton to a "spiritual joust", with the girl as prize. At three in the morning he claimed victory and took her to a bedroom. The embarrassed Heaton left, but afterwards maintained there was "a crazy sort of integrity" in Laing's behaviour. "He wasn't going to take the money off someone he didn't value."

By the age of 61 he had already had two heart attacks, but he defiantly played tennis on a hot August afternoon in St Tropez. He was winning four-one when he collapsed and died on the court.

Of these two books John Clay's gives the fuller and more accurate account of the biographical facts, while Daniel Burston provides a more substantial critique of the work.

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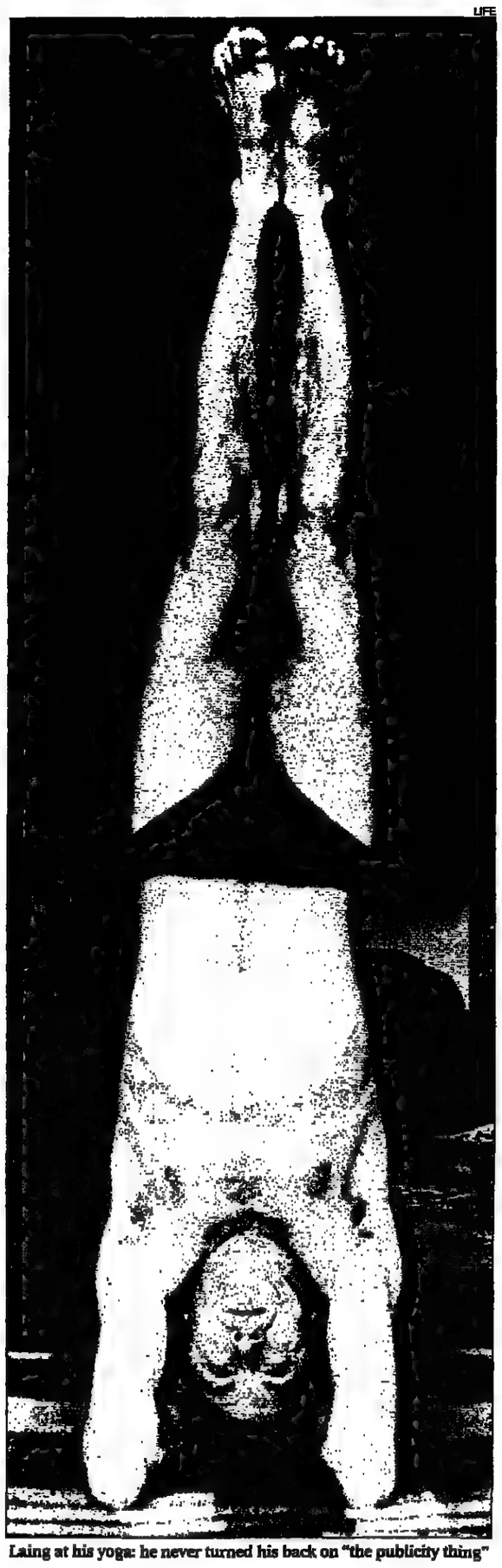

LIFE

Laing at his yoga: he never turned his back on "the publicity thing"

The golden city of blood and faith

Ian McIntyre on conquest, madmen and heroes

A HISTORY OF JERUSALEM
One City, Three Faiths
By Karen Armstrong
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Karen Armstrong's lust for daunting subjects locates her squarely in what might be termed the North Face of the Eiger school of historical writing. She limbered up in the early Nineties with a history of the Crusades and a biography of the Prophet. More recently she won praise for *A History of God*; Lord Runcie thought it lucid, Sister Wendy Beckett was dazzled and A. N. Wilson pronounced it "the most fascinating and learned study of the biggest wild goose chase in history".

When she was a young nun, Armstrong was enjoined to begin her morning meditation by picturing the biblical scene she was about to contemplate. This made her adept at conjuring images of the Mount of Olives, or the Via Dolorosa. Later, however, when she first saw Jerusalem, this mental guide-book offered few answers to the questions crowding in on her.

"How could a mere city, full of fallible human beings and teeming with the most unholy activities, be sacred?" Why should an atheist Jew feel possessive about the Western wall? Why should an unbelieving Arab, standing in the Mosque of al-Aqsa, be reduced to tears? The formative events of both Judaism and Islam, after all, had taken place elsewhere.

The sanctity of Jerusalem, what's more, played little part in the early Zionist movement. Theodor Herzl's chief emotion when he visited the Western Wall was disgust: "the squalor, the moaning, and the craven attitudes of the Jews who clung to its stones symbolised everything that Zionism must transcend". The real Zion, Armstrong concluded, was "a far more tumultuous and confusing place" than her conventual exercises had prepared her for. The North Face response was to attempt its equally tumultuous and confusing history.

Confusing, and also barbarous. When the city fell to the Persians in AD 610, 60,000 Christians were slaughtered. Four centuries later, when the Crusaders broke through the walls, the Provençal eye-witness Raymond of Aguiles recorded his satisfaction at the piles of heads, hands and feet he saw in the streets: "It was a just and splendid judgment of God that this place should be filled with the blood of unbelievers".

Not all that many heroes march in this long cavalcade, and there are not a few madmen. In the 11th century there was the Caliph al-Hakim, who substituted his own name for that of God in the Friday prayers. By his command Christians wore heavy crosses around their necks and Jews a large block of wood. In our day there was Rabbi Meir Kahane, rather too briefly imprisoned in 1980 for plotting to destroy the Dome of the Rock with a long-range missile.

REUTERS

Prayer at Jerusalem's Western Wall

Armstrong returns insistently to the proposition that without justice and compassion, devotion to sacred space is worthless. She has no more time than anyone else for the squalid animosities of the Eastern and Western churches, and finds little edification in the Christian record of the city.

Some of the monks who settled in the Judaean desert to be close to Byzantine Jerusalem were "*murderously anti-Semitic*". By the 15th century, Armstrong believes, much of the Western devotion to the holy city had become hysterical: she writes coldly of pilgrims who were "mired in their own neuroses".

Israelis are currently celebrating the 3000th anniversary of the city's conquest by King David. The Palestinians are restive, suspecting propaganda for a wholly Jewish Jerusalem. Armstrong thinks they may be wrong, observing that the historical record lends more support to their cause than they realise — David expropriated no sacred sites, after all, and the Jebusite administration remained in place.

She gives the Israelis higher marks than either Crusaders or Byzantines as conquerors of Jerusalem, but believes all three fall short of the Caliph Umar. In AD 638 he presided over the most peaceful conquest in the city's history — no blood-letting, no destruction of property, no forced conversions. Armstrong's judgment is that with the possible exception of David, Umar gave more complete expression to the monotheistic ideal of compassion than any previous conqueror.

It was, she reminds us, an Islamic conquest of the city that twice made it possible for Jews to return there — Umar and Saladin both invited Jews to settle in Jerusalem when they replaced Christian rulers.

Armstrong lost me only once, and that was in shepherding me round the splendid Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Passing through its narrow entrance, she informs me, I am returning to the womb: the central sculpture is a phallic symbol of the national will to survive; the building itself represents the union of archeology and nationalism "as in an ancient and rejuvenative fertility rite". And here was I assuming that the dome simply mimicked the sort of jar the scrolls were found in at Qumran. Silly old me.

Prudently, Armstrong does not lapse into punditry at the end of her bleak narrative. Kabbalistic myth, she recalls, taught that when the Jews returned to Zion, everything in the world would fall back into its proper place. The murder of Yitzhak Rabin by a fellow Jew shows that that time is not yet.

"Two peoples," she writes, "who have both endured an annihilation of sorts, now seek healing in the same Holy City." Her unrhetorical conclusion is that those societies have lasted longest there that were prepared to countenance some degree of tolerance and coexistence.

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How not to do Rome

Rachel Cusk

HEADING INLAND
By Nicola Barker
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The secret of Nicola Barker's success is that her writing gets better and better while appearing to stay the same. *Heading Inland* is her second collection of stories: her first, the prizewinning *Love Your Enemies*, was followed by two accomplished novels, *Reversed Forecast* and *Small Holdings*, all published within a space of four years.

What has permitted her to be so prolific is that she has found early on what many writers expend a career in search of: her subject. What makes her so good is that she has the method to match it: a combination which could run, one senses, almost indefinitely on the fuel of Barker's witty, demotic and unique talent.

Her subject is London and Londoners; her method that of a diligent scavenger with a clever eye for something funny, precious or sad among the bric-a-brac. There is a magpie quality to her writing, the half-mawkish obsessiveness of a junk collector on whose stall one might glimpse something familiar but forgotten.

The short story is a better showcase for Barker's tastes than the novel, being less imperious in its demands for significance. Barker's characters here no more belong in a novel than they do in life. Their interest lies in their imperviousness to narrative. They're not misfits, Barker half-humorously, half-maliciously implies: they're *special*.

Barker is at her very best when writing sinister fairy tales, of which there are several here. Her first lines — which deserve a reputation of their own — are full of comic portentousness, heralding the ghoulish modern fable that has become her hallmark: "Martha's social worker was under the impression that by getting herself pregnant, Martha was looking for an out from a life of crime"; "Nick was born back to front, but only on the inside"; "Jennifer, 42, had a special gift which God had given her — out of the blue — to compensate for all the things that had happened to her in the past. All the awful things."

Barker revels in the resilient oddness of the English sensibility, its lack of sophistication, its unconventionality, its peculiar cadences and little-noticed sense of the surreal. When we discover, at the start of *The Piazza Barberini*, that "Tina was doing Rome on a budget", we can be sure that this sensibility will collide at full force with its continental opposite. Indeed, several pages later Tina is performing a tracheotomy in a hotel with a biro on her English companion — who is choking on an ugly English shoe buckle — while Paolo the Italian heartthrob looks on in disgust.

Interestingly, these stories are conspicuously less convincing when they attempt to convey conventional warmth, or when Barker finds herself momentarily tempted to deal in the common currency of human relationships. Barker's compassion lies hard up against her cruelty, and when her writing becomes recognisable it begins, oddly, to lose its edge.

The Three Button Trick and *G-String* are both concerned with the perfidy of men; but where the first employs the slightly humdrum formulation of appearances being deceptive, *G-String* is Barker at her most bizarre and slantingly poignant. "Mr Kip — he liked to be called that, an affectation, if you will — was an ardent admirer of the great actress Katharine Hepburn."

Gillian, Mr Kip's un-Hepburn-like girlfriend, endures all manner of torment in pursuit of a resemblance; but eventually liberates herself with the help of a G-string and a Swiss army knife. Gillian is Barker's sort of heroine: "She was knickerless. She was victorious. She was a truly modern female."

Relics of a nomad spirit

John Ryle

ANATOMY OF RESTLESSNESS
By Bruce Chatwin
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BRUCE CHATWIN was an erratic stylist, whose writing did not so much evolve as mutate, starting with the picaresque fragments and exhilarating narrative bursts of his first book, *In Patagonia* — where their cumulative effect was so astonishingly sharp and fresh — passing through the baroque tableaux of the *Viceroy of Ouidah*, and culminating in the implausible confusion of *The Songlines*.

His books did not get better: in some respects they got worse, the modernist style battling against an archaic sensibility, with preciosity a constant danger. Nevertheless, the style has a brightness that does not fade and the subjects are rare and strange.

Anatomy of Restlessness collects a number of Chatwin's essays and articles, and some short stories, with the intention of illustrating the abiding themes in his writing. It is a wonderful title but this should not disguise the fact that the book is not in any real sense an anatomy. It is more like a heap of bones, left, as it were, by a hunting band. The title phrase itself comes from one of Chatwin's early stabs at a theory of nomadism: a clutch of pieces on this theme form the core of the book. The nomadic bent, he remarked, is the reason why "possessions exhaust us" and a central tension in his writing lies in the contrast between his deep feeling for the lure of art and the conviction that his attachment to material objects was a kind of perversion, a disease of civilisation.

An early letter to his publisher, Tom Maschler, reproduced here, provides the most lucid presentation of this idea. This letter is more straightforward than the reflections on the subject in *The Songlines*; it could be useful if it were reproduced in future editions of *The Songlines* itself.

Other sections of the present book comprise four weak fictional pieces and a number of book reviews. The latter are interesting, reflecting distinct aspects of Chatwin's character. One is on a memoir by Wilfred Thesiger, a figure who represents Chatwin's more austere side. It is a successful example of a difficult genre, the entirely laudatory review. Another is a surprisingly harsh account of a life of Robert Louis Stevenson — whom Chatwin considered a second-rate writer, though one with whom he had some affinity. A third is an account of an anarchist rebellion in Argentina in the 1920s.

SALLY SOAMES

Chatwin: archaic sensibility

I remember this piece well since, as a new recruit to the staff of *The Times Literary Supplement*, I was assigned to edit it. Chatwin was charm itself, appreciative, uncomplaining about cuts and even additions. I later learnt that most of the piece, though cast as a book review, consisted of material that had been cut from *In Patagonia*, published the following year. It makes one wonder what else Chatwin owed to editors: the manuscript of *In Patagonia* was famously vast and unwieldy, cut down to 97 laconic numbered sections, some only a paragraph long, by Chatwin and his editor at Cape. The invention of style is a mysterious business. Susannah Clapp, the editor in question, has written a biographical essay on Chatwin, due out later this year, which may cast some light on this question.

Anatomy of Restlessness contains an extensive bibliography, recording many more Chatwin ephemera, as well as providing a useful list of works already in print. It is not complete but on the evidence of this list there are at least enough uncollected pieces to fill another volume.

Not that they will reveal any more about Chatwin's life. He was not a confessional writer; but the present collection does reveal the way Chatwin's characteristic stylistic devices operated in different literary contexts. "In keeping with his belief in the indivisibility of fact and fiction," the editors note apropos the *TLS* piece, "Chatwin resorts to the techniques of fictional narrative to relate an extravagant episode in Patagonian history." "Resorts" is not quite the right word; this kind of thing is precisely what defines Chatwin's style: the use of the storytelling techniques of one kind of writing to such startling and delightful effect in the other. The constant hybridisation provides a kind of unity in his sometimes vagarious writing, even if the results are not always equally successful.

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Attempting all in Prose and Rime

EDEN RENEWED
The Public and Private Life of John Milton
By Peter Levi
Macmillan, £20
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Milton was already learned as a child: he pored over his books late into the night, in the very heart of London, inaugurating what would become a life of labour and of discipline. At Cambridge he was known as "The Lady" because of his delicate features and refined manners.

But his contemporaries missed the hardness within him. He was as ambitious as he was resolute, and had determined from an early age that he would be a great poet. He wrote Latin verses because he wished to acquire a European reputation; he wrote English poetry because he wanted to be a British Virgil.

His first years in Cambridge and in London were spent in the quiet pursuit of learning. He read history and philosophy and seems to have indulged in that antiquarian passion which is inseparable from the English genius. That is why Peter Levi properly reminds us that he wished to write an epic upon King Arthur before he ever thought of *Paradise Lost*. He managed to escape taking holy orders and, although he thought of entering an Inn of Court (the most respectable path for an educated Londoner), he still retained only one true ambition. "What am I thinking about?" he wrote to one friend, "Immortality, so help me God."

The origins of Milton's political affiliations are not easy to grasp, but Peter Levi believes that he succumbed to a fit of "creeping Puritanism" in the 1630s. He might seem an unlikely representative of that cause — steeped as he was in classical learning and classical literature, the writer of masque and the lover of music.

It may have been self-belief that turned him into a dissenter, however; he sensed that the Spirit worked within him, both as poet and theologian, and he needed no other assistance to interpret Scripture. The rest of his private creed derives from this. Yet the richness of his buried nature — one might almost say, his Catholic nature — emerges in the powerful cadences of his prose no less than in the melodic harmonies of his poetry.

Peter Levi is a voluble and confiding, even a chatty, biographer: he is not elegant, but he is enthusiastic. He has, of course, been Professor of Poetry at Oxford, and so devotes much space to a critical reading of Milton's verse. He is particularly sensitive to its music, a quality which was largely forgotten by those critics such as Eliot and Leavis who believed that *Paradise Lost* formed some great wall in English poetry through which no one could break.

It was not Milton who contorted the language into strange shapes — there is a very good case for saying that the King James Bible performed that particular feat. But Levi is also erudite enough to follow the poet's classical allusions to their source; he is one of the few modern biographers who can make his own translations from the Latin and the Greek.

There is always a place for criticism in any literary biography — not because in any vulgar sense it "reflects" the events and passions of the life but, rather, because the form and cadence of the work represent the very bearing and tenor of its creator in the world. That is wholly true of Milton himself.

MARY EVANS

John Milton: polemical poet

In his late twenties he journeyed to Italy as "a citizen of the world", in Levi's words; he travelled as a gentleman, with one servant, and was greeted as a poet and scholar. He claimed later that he returned to England after hearing news of civil unrest, yet at first he simply reverted to his old concern for epic and for fame. He did begin writing pamphlets against episcopacy, but his prose is always that of a poet; it is bedecked with imagery, striated with metaphor, and generally controlled by a powerful cadence.

Milton also had a wonderful talent for abuse and, in his tirades against his opponents, can join the rank of those other London visionaries, William Blake and Thomas More, who also combined a strong religious consciousness with the language of a Billingsgate fishwife. Levi suggests that he wasted his time writing religious tracts, but it would not have seemed so to Milton at the time. Religious controversy was taken very seriously indeed, and books of that nature sold far better than anything of a secular cast.

Yet it is difficult to understand why Milton postponed his career as a poet and took up polemical prose; it may simply be that he wanted to acquire influence and recognition before it was too late. Certainly he was rewarded for his efforts by becoming Secretary for Foreign Tongues to Cromwell and his Council, although Levi goes too far when he describes Milton's position as "something lower than a hack". He believed that the republican cause represented "piety to my country", and it is quite likely that his antiquarian passion helped to elevate his role as propagandist for the republican cause. Antiquarians were once, characteristically, radicals.

On the return of Charles II Milton's books were burned by the public hangman but he, miraculously, escaped death. No one is quite sure how he avoided the penalty which was inflicted upon many less culpable than himself — he had, after all, been an enthusiastic apologist for the regicides and had mocked the dead king — but Levi suggests that it might have been at the behest of the newly restored monarch. But even though he escaped death, he could not avoid suffering. He had already gone blind, and his condition was generally interpreted as God's salutary lesson. He was cordially detested by his daughters, who considered him to be a tyrant and possibly also a bore.

So he retired to a quiet part of the city with his third wife, among sympathetic dissenters, and undertook the real work of his life. Levi has a good image of Milton "entering a state of trance" before writing *Paradise Lost*. This biography also gives a fitting description of the poem itself as the work of a blind man, employing "the original oral technique of epic poetry" and thus rediscovering "some of the freshness of ancient epic". Yet how much it also resembles the poet's permanent nature in its wilfulness, its energy, its persistence through difficulties and its elaborately controlled interior music.

At the end of his life he was visited by the learned, and scorned by the partisan as a "dead dog" and a "canker worm". He himself told his wife that "my aim is to live and die an honest man". It is likely that he succeeded in that ambition, although the years of pamphleteering between the composition of poetry have often been considered ill-judged and self-defeating. Samuel Johnson once wrote of Milton's last great work, *Samson Agonistes*, that "the intermediate parts have neither cause nor consequence". Perhaps the same might be said of Milton's own variegated, unhappy, but ultimately triumphant, career.

Land of forests and dreams

Matthew Parris on the gripping tale of a journey into the jungle

THE SPEARS OF TWILIGHT
By Philippe Descola
HarperCollins, £20
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Books about other peoples and places proliferate and there has never been a time when so much was written about abroad. It is odd, therefore, to reflect that the explorer's tale is dying. We jet hither and thither, returning with verbal snapshots; we invent silly "themes" to justify new books — bicycling or hang-gliding across continents; or, behind the façade of a journey into a continent, presenting journeys into our own personalities. Travel writers are becoming celebrities in their own right, the name of the author, the journey as an event, becoming the principal draw. Where the author went and what he saw are relegated almost to the status of the incidental.

But where are the Captain Cooks, the Wilfred Thesigers — where the *Seven Years in Tibet* — of our age? Where are the studies whose author has not dipped a toe but submersed himself in Otherness: the stories we read not out of curiosity about the writer, but, forgetting the writer, burning to know what he has found?

Philippe Descola has made such a journey and written such a book. One makes the judgment at one's peril, but I think *The Spears of Twilight* may come to be read as one of the great anthropological adventures of modern literature. In a beautiful translation from the French by Janet Lloyd — a translation which retains just a hint of stiltedness, a hint of that classical formality which is really a feature of French thought and so should not be excised from the language — the young M Descola recounts his two years, with his wife, among an Amazonian tribe, the Achuar, so cut off from the world that even their relative neighbours could not easily direct the young couple to where they lived.

As one who has made much of his thrills and spills in the Andes, I am shamed by Philippe Descola, who makes nothing of his personal tribulations, which must have been immense: nothing of the discomfort, the flies, the mosquitoes, the illness, the dislocation of his own life. His whole attention, his book's whole focus, is held steady and unremitting on the lives of the Indians among whom he lives, to whose hearts, very tentatively, he is taken, and of whose life and thought he experiences a dawning understanding. He and Anne Christine move in and stay as strange and honorary relatives, living (so far as a white couple can) the same lives as their hosts.

As the story proceeds we get to know each member of the Indian families they live with, not as anthropologists' case-studies, but as friends. At times the narrative takes on the tone of an exotic soap-opera, as jealousies, killings, passion, friendship, accidents and illnesses visit the story. We learn how to hunt, how to eat, how to sing and make poetry, how, where and when to make love.

PHILIPPE DESCOLA

Sesaime couple: Descola has an intuitive understanding of the Achuar tribes of Ecuador

And, all the time and without apology, Descola is interpreting as best he can the whys and wherefores, the emotional, religious and conceptual skeleton on which the flesh of this culture is hung. How can one ever know another culture? One can honestly try, that is all. I can only say that I find Descola more intuitively persuasive than any anthropologist I have previously heard.

It would be impossible to summarise this enormous, gripping book. To offer a flavour, I quote the author describing the importance, to the Achuar, of dreams, whose memory and meaning, as glimpses of a parallel world they hold with them through their waking hours. Dreams may live for them, he suggests, partly "from a broken sleep that is divided into a series of short snatches interrupted by a wailing child, a suspicious noise, the barking of a dog or an insistent sensation of discomfort when the dying fire no longer palliates the night chill. Upon surfacing from each of these little excursions of the soul, its dreams are briefly recalled, perhaps even communicated in a whisper within the closed bed, so that the final morning awakening provides a rich collection of images to be interpreted."

Unless you had lived and slept with the tribe for many months, you would lack the data upon which to found that speculation. Unless you were a person of quite extraordinary thoughtfulness and perspicience, you would lack the means with which to build it. Philippe Descola has woven a tale as elusive, as spiritual, as it is authoritative; as magical as it is scientific.

The storyteller's hard-won victory

Julia Neuberger

THE WAR AFTER
Living with the Holocaust
By Anne Karpf
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Anne Karpf and I were London schoolgirls together in the so-called "swinging Sixties". Neither of us was much affected by the dramatic social changes taking place around us, though both envied those girls with long, straight hair. (One of the funniest asides in Anne Karpf's book is her snipe at Vidal Sassoon's love of cutting straight hair — and "he a nice Jewish boy".) Both of us — probably without realising it — were more affected by the experiences our parents had had before and during the war.

Her parents were survivors. Her mother had been in Auschwitz. Her father had a strange series of war-time experiences in appalling Russian labour camps, ending up as a Polish councillor, despite Polish anti-Semitism.

My mother was a German refugee, and my childhood was equally coloured by the Holocaust — by the recognition of German refugees speaking German in the cafés in the Finchley Road, where Anne heard Polish. For Anne was not alone. In our year at school, some ten or more had at least one refugee parent. But few had parents who had been in the camps.

I do not remember the isolation, nor the pain, that Anne felt about speaking about being Jewish. She writes with pride about her daughter gaily discussing being Jewish in a way she had not. But some of us discussed our Jewishness, and rebelled against some of its restrictions. Anne Karpf's experience was different from many of ours — perhaps in part because her parents came after the war, and found a less than welcoming reception from Jews and non-Jews alike. Britain behaved with far less generosity to Jews wishing to come here after the war than they had before the war, when the record, though not wonderful, was better than that of most other countries.

After was different. Not only is this Anne Karpf's account of her personal war after the war, but it is also a reflection on general experience. Displaced people, new arrivals, with terrible stories no one wanted to hear, were dumped into a world where everything was grim. They had not been part of "the war effort". Not in the Pioneer Corps, as many refugees were. Not fire-watching, as so many did. When they came, they were foreign; no one wanted to know. That included much of the Jewish community who had done a bit before the war, but whose postwar reaction was horror at the events, but apathy about the survivors.

That isolation and pain had its effects on their children. Anne Karpf's war was with her parents, breaking away. Her writing is so vivid about her skin condition, as she scratched herself raw in pain and despair, one is tempted to start scratching oneself. It was therapy that brought her a form of resolution, and recording her parents' stories that brought her calm and them immortality. For those who lived with their experiences, as children, even grandchildren, now recognise the effect on themselves.

Anne Karpf's book records pain, triumph, and, most movingly, her father's death. There is even some humour. But this reader would have liked some detail, beyond Karpf's interviews, about what happened to her parents. This volume should be for our children, but they do the Holocaust in GCSE history. For them, everything needs spelling out.

The emotion is given full rein here, but we need more fleshing out of Josef's and Natalia's experiences. Meanwhile, one cannot fail to be moved and saddened by this country's failure to offer a hand of friendship to so many, *after* the war. Not to mention their children.

JOSEF KARPF

Isolation: Anne Karpf as a girl, drawn by her father

Mystery mired in machismo

Russell Celyn Jones

THE HANGING TREE
By David Lambkin
Viking, £16
ISBN 0 670 86698

There is so much plot in *The Hanging Tree*, it reads like several books welded together. Palaeontologist Kathryn Widd validates her belief that violence has an *a priori* claim on man when she finds the oldest known hominid in an excavation. She is digging in the Kenyan wilderness with museum colleagues, Chinta and Victor, his wife and Widd's lover Marion, and Tregallion — a desert mystic and Widd's other lover.

Widd pieces together the fossilised remains of a murder victim and a weapon into an all-too-familiar pattern of domestic violence which weaves into the subplot of Lt-Col Patterson's 1908 hunting safari to Kenya. The safari ended tragically with the suicide of his companion, Captain Blyth. Or was it murder? This is the other mystery Kathryn Widd wishes to solve, as the sexual betrayal, witchcraft and death in *that* plot foreshadow her own fate and that of her lovers and colleagues.

Archaeology, cosmology, big game hunting, Bach cello concertos, gay and straight sex, war ... it's all here, but in a language that is over-rational, quasi-scientific, borrowed. Elsewhere in the sex and hunting scenes, Rousseau, Lawrence and Hemingway clichés abound.

Lambkin is a Renaissance fraud and his narrative collapses under the weight of its many pretensions. Widd dreams in book form and thinks like a stoned Buddhist: "Addicted to her calm acceptance of homoerotic lust, I felt no instant's qualm, no tremor of fear at our presumption."

Then there is the problem of Kathryn Widd's first-person narrative voice — her gun-toting machismo, cavalier treatment of lovers, her opportunism. At one point Widd says: "Men often find my intellect too challenging, but there are those who are attracted to the toughness, the lack of sentimentality in my cast of mind." Wishful thinking. For most of the time she communicates like a recent transsexual who hasn't quite relaxed into her new body. By slapping on the paraphenalia of womanhood — with references to her "petal" of menstrual blood, panties, tampons, lipstick, little black dresses — Lambkin merely fuels what reads like a gender identity crisis. How Mrs Blyth is described in the Patterson episodes better serves to encapsulate Widd: "a letterbox created by men for men".

Lambkin: overly ambitious

At the beginning of the novel Kathryn muses: "What if there is a contrapuntal connecting principle at work in the universe that is beyond causality, beyond chance, beyond aleatory happening?" Quite. And that basically is what Lambkin *thinks* he's written a novel about. But the universality he aims for boils down to mere solipsism. Near the end, Kathryn describes the kind of book she'd like to write, and in that description is captured the failure of Lambkin's ambition — in the style of language that lampoons it. "I'd like to write a book in counterpoint; a fugue using cancrizans and inverted themes and augmented themes and diminished themes and mirror-fugues: all the contrapuntalist's techniques in one book."

Obeying liberty's laws

Peter Stothard

AN APARTMENT CALLED FREEDOM
By Ghazi A. Algosaibi
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THE party girls are known as Zeezi, Shooshoo, Reeri and Deedee. The young Arab boys who have hired them for the night know them "only by their working names, or, as might have been said in the Ba'ath Party, their names in the movement". This is a provocative novel of youthful awakening — intellectual, sexual but most of all political. At its heart are the peculiarities of pan-Arab relationships in which the author has spent his working life.

The apartment of the title is the home for five young men who have arrived in Cairo during the aftermath of the Suez crisis. The problems of flat-sharing are the same the world over: but here they also shed a baleful light on President Nasser's revolutionary ambitions to unite the Arab world.

The central character, Fuad Tarif, is a 16-year-old from traditional Bahrain. Egypt may claim to be "the mother of the universe" but to Fuad it is "the land of strangers". What is the difference between baksheesh and a bribe? He hopes that his law school, once he has found it, will help him to find an answer.

Even more than an answer he wants a girl, ideally not one of his fellow law students, who look like criminal court judges of the future. First he finds four male friends, whose radicalism and reason, capitalism and spirituality, match neatly the Fifties fashions. Then come the call-girls at between £2 and £5 a time, the venereal diseases and other rashes of youth.

The plotting is neat, probably too neat for some. The boys see their apartment freedom as "an integral part of the Arab nation" with a 70-clause constitution to support its aims of equality, justice and democracy. The clauses cover everything from budgets to bathroom-time: those who want to study Freud before sexual activity should have the freedom to do so; so should those who simply want to pay their £2.

Hovering always over the action is Nasser himself. Fuad becomes a fervent admirer despite reports of torture and repression. The President's vain attempt at a pan-Arab state inspires an argument in which oil-rich Saudi Arabia is suggested as a better partner for Egypt than a host of "hungry Syrians". The author, a student in Cairo himself in the Fifties and now the Saudi Arabian Ambassador in London, must have been confident that none back home would take offence.

His literary boldness, while not perhaps in the same league as such author-diplomats as Sir Henry Wotton or Boccaccio, stands far above the current court of St James — and indeed any other writer-politician whom modern Britain could pit against him.

Court of Appeal

Law Report July 18 1996

Limitation actions final not interlocutory

Hughes v Jones

Before Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Henry

[Judgment July 12]

An application to disapply the relevant limitation period was a final application as opposed to an interlocutory one and a large *number of district judges throughout* the country were in error in routinely hearing such applications on the basis that they were interlocutory, and might, on occasion, be acting without jurisdiction.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Mrs Patricia Hughes from an order of Judge Crowe, QC, in Liverpool County Court, on May 24, 1995, that her appeal, on a preliminary point, from the order of Deputy Judge Munro, on April 26, 1995, was an appeal from a final order and not an interlocutory order, and should be determined on the merits, instead of a rehearing, or an appeal de novo: but allowing her appeal from Judge Crowe's refusal to disapply the limitation period.

Order 59, rule 1A of the Rules of the Supreme Court provides: "(1) For all purposes connected with *appeals to the Court of Appeal*, a judgment or order shall be treated as final or interlocutory in accordance with the following provisions of this rule. . .

"(3) A judgment or order shall be treated as final if the entire cause or matter would (subject only to any possible appeal) have been finally determined whichever way the court below had decided the issues before it.

"(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), where the final hearing or the trial of of a cause or matter is divided into parts, a judgment or order made at the end of any part shall be treated as if made at the end of the complete hearing or trial. . .

"(6) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (3), but without prejudice to paragraph (5), the *following judgments* and orders shall be treated as interlocutory — . . . (f) an order directing or otherwise determining an issue as to limitation of actions other than as part of a final judgment or order within the meaning of paragraph (3)."

Mr Graham N. Wood for Mrs Hughes; Mr Malcolm Sharpe for the defendant, Mr Mark Jones.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that the appeal raised the question as to whether an application to disapply the limitation period under section 33 of the Limitation Act 1980 was an interlocutory or final application. The answer had knock-on effects as to whether district judges had jurisdiction to try that issue, the basic requirements of any such hearing and the nature of the appeal from it.

The law on the point was to be found in *White v Brunton* ([1984] 1 QB 570), the incorporation of that *decision in the Rules of the* Supreme Court (Order 59, rule 1A(4)) and *Dale v British Coal Corporation* ([1992] 1 WLR 964). Examination of that line of binding authority disclosed unfortunate divergence between the law as there to be found, and the practice of county courts up and down the country.

Mrs Hughes had sustained a whiplash injury in an accident on October 22, 1991. Following desultory correspondence between the parties, the date of the primary limitation period of three years passed without her solicitors noticing. *Proceedings were then* belatedly issued on her behalf by a summons dated February 8, 1995, the claim expressed to be worth over £5,000.

Section 33 of the Limitation Act 1980 empowered a judge to disapply the limitation period if it appeared to the court that it would be equitable to allow the action to proceed.

In *Firman v Ellis* ([1978] QB 886), the Court of Appeal, in respect of a similar provision in the Limitation Act 1975, expressed the opinion that "strong" discretion should only be exercised by a High Court or county court judge. An amendment to the Rules of the Supreme Court in 1981 (Order 32, rule 9A) had the effect of empowering masters in the Queen's Bench Division to exercise that jurisdiction.

There was no equivalent rule in the county court. His Lordship did not take the existence of the High Court rule as investing the district judge in the county court with a jurisdiction he would not otherwise have.

However, the court had been told that district judges in the Liverpool County Court frequently entertained such applications.

The court had caused a series of questions to be sent to district judges nationwide through the FELIX network under the auspices of the Judicial Studies Board. That showed the Liverpool practice to be typical.

District judges routinely heard such applications and generally regarded them as interlocutory, and the appeals from them as interlocutory rather than final. Their jurisdiction was generally assumed to be founded on the interlocutory nature of the order and so given by Order 13, rule 1(6) of the County Court Rules.

That general practice was followed here. It was clear from the plaintiff's notice of appeal that it was thought that this was an interlocutory appeal.

Judge Crowe initially thought so too. He said *in his judgment*: "It is . . . right to say that for a good many years, in my limited personal experience, all applications relating to the Limitation Act have been treated as interlocutory applications."

The response to the questions put out on FELIX confirms that impression. But the legal answer lay in Order 59, rule 1A *of the Rules* of the Supreme Court. That rule set out to define once and for all which were final and which interlocutory orders.

Reading the passages in that Order from paragraph (3) and paragraph (6) in isolation, it would seem that a section 33 application would be interlocutory. But that would be to ignore *White v Brunton* and its recognition in Order 59, rule 1A(4).

It was that paragraph which *persuaded the court in Dale v British Coal Corporation* that the judge's order disapplying section 11 of the Limitation Act 1980 was final.

Accordingly the district judge's decision was therefore a final decision and the plaintiff's preliminary appeal failed.

The county court judge went on to consider, and the plaintiff's appeal against the refusal to apply the limitation period. The logic of *White v Brunton* was that the order should properly be regarded as part of the final determination of the case.

Yet, *absent leave of the judge* and the consent of the parties, the district judge would not have jurisdiction finally to determine the claim, as its value exceeded £5,000: see Order 21, rule 5 of the County Court Rules.

Further it seemed clear that he did not regard himself as making a final order. *Had he so regarded* himself, and had he considered that the appeal against him would be the more limited appeal under Order 37, rule 6, he would have given a reasoned judgment, and not the bare note that he sent to the trial judge.

The judge making such a final order must, having regard to the significance that is attached to his exercise of discretion, set out clearly the reasons why he has exercised the discretion, both dealing with the matters that he taken into account, and those he was statutorily required to take into account.

The bare note of his reasons did not seem to satisfy that requirement. It followed that the plaintiff did not have a proper final hearing. Further, it did not seem that either the judge gave leave or the plaintiff truly consented to the district judge carrying out a final hearing under Order 21, rule 5, because her advisers believed that it was an interlocutory hearing with the broader appeal that flowed from that.

The belief common to both parties that this was an interlocutory hearing might too have affected the evidence that was called before the district judge. It did not seem that he had jurisdiction. Counsel could not refer the court to any source of jurisdiction other than Order 21, rule 5.

The court was conscious that its decision would cause practical difficulties for similar applications already in the pipeline and made the following suggestions:

Where the district judge had already heard and determined the matter and there had been no appeal against his decision, the court would readily infer the parties' consent to his acting in a final capacity.

Where the appeal from him to the county court judge was outstanding, the appeal should be treated as a hearing de novo unless the court was satisfied that he had jurisdiction to conduct the hearing as a final hearing, in which case Order 37, rule 6 procedure would apply.

Where the appeal from the district judge to the county court judge, had been heard and determined, the point should be academic on any appeal to the Court of Appeal. If it was determined on the basis that it was an interlocutory appeal, then the county court judge would have heard it de novo in any event (see above). And if it was determined as a final appeal, then the right procedure was used, and the question did not arise.

Lord Justice Beldam agreed that *the appeal succeeded and that the* case should be remitted to the county court judge for directions.

Solicitors: E. Edwards Son & Noice, Ilford; Silverbeck Rymer, Liverpool.

Court business not to be disrupted by breaches of rules

Beachley Property Ltd v Edgar

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Morritt

[Judgment June 21]

The proper and regular administration of the court's business was not to be disrupted as a result of breaches of rules of court which occurred without justification.

Where, therefore, a party failed to comply with directions for the *service of witness statements* under Order 20, rule 12A of the County Court Rules 1981, as introduced by the County Court (Amendment No 2) Rules (SI 1992 No 1965), and sought leave immediately before the trial date to adduce further material evidence in the absence of circumstances justifying the breach, the court would not exercise its discretion in his favour and he would therefore be debarred from using that evidence.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Beachley Property Ltd, from Judge Wilson, *sitting at the* Northampton County Court, who had allowed in part an appeal from the district judge in respect of the plaintiff's application, made on June 11, 1996, for leave to adduce evidence from three specified further witnesses at the trial of its action, fixed for June 24, against the defendant, Alexander Edgar.

In an action, to which the automatic directions under Order 17, rule 11 applied, the parties had failed to exchange witness statements within the specified time limit or in compliance with a direction given by the court. Exchange took place on January 18, 1996 by which time the defendant had amended his defence.

On June 3, 5 and 11 the plaintiff served statements of three further witnesses whose evidence was material to the amendment and related to a major issue in the action.

The district judge granted leave in respect of one witness. On appeal the judge refused leave in respect of that witness but gave leave in respect of one of the others.

Miss Zia Bhaloo for the plaintiff; Miss Cathryn McGahey for the defendant.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the explanation for the witness statements being served so late and the application being made at relatively the last moment was apparently that there had been a change in the plaintiff's solicitors' office so that the same person was not dealing with the case throughout.

His Lordship regarded that as no explanation or excuse whatsoever for the non-compliance with directions with regard to witness statements. The evidence sought to be adduced went to a most important issue. There could be no possible excuse for the plaintiff not adducing that evidence at an earlier stage.

Miss Bhaloo had submitted that there was no evidence that the defendant had been prejudiced in any way by the plaintiff's failure and that, unless there were some evidence of prejudice, in the present circumstances the court had no alternative but to allow the evidence to be called.

His Lordship emphatically rejected that submission. The very reason Order 20, rule 12A was *drafted as it was, was to make it* clear that unless there were circumstances which justified the court exercising its discretion in favour of the party in default, that discretion would not be exercised and the party would be deprived of the evidence.

It was no use the party merely coming forward and saying that the evidence would help its case. If there was provision for a party to do that the rule might as well not exist.

One had to consider the position not only from the plaintiff's point of view, but from the defendant's and also from the point of view of *doing justice between other litigants* as well.

The present history illustrated the inconvenience and disruption to the administration of justice generally that that approach to the rules created.

Here, the judge had to deal with the appeal at short notice because of the delay on the plaintiff's part. The Court of Appeal had to arrange an extra hearing to suit the plaintiff's convenience to reconsider the appeal.

His Lordship was not in the least concerned with the court's convenience, but he was concerned that the proper and regular administration of business in general before the courts should not be disrupted as a result of breaches of the rules of the court which occurred without any justification whatsoever.

It was very important that the court's resources should be used as efficiently and effectively as possible.

That was not possible unless the parties cooperated; their cooperation involved them obeying the rules of the court. Here they did not do so and there was no explanation for it.

Lord Justice Morritt agreed.

Solicitors: Howes Percival, Northampton; Dennis Faulkner & Alsop, Northampton.

VAT paid under unfavourable formula not recoverable

Victoria and Albert Museum v Commissioners of Customs and Excise

A taxable person could not recover additional input tax from Customs and Excise on the basis that value-added tax returns had been made incorrectly where those returns had been made under a formula subsequently discovered not to have been in the best interests of the taxpayer.

Mr Justice Turner so held in the Queen's Bench Division on June 14 when dismissing an appeal of the Board of Trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum from the decision on August 8, 1995 of the VAT tribunal that the museum could not recover additional input tax paid in earlier prescribed accounting periods as they had not demonstrated that they had made an error.

The appellant had, with the agreement of its local VAT office, adopted the formula in Appendix J of VAT Notice 700 to attribute VAT as between its business and non-business activities.

A subsequent method devised by its accountants proved more favourable and the appellant sought to recover additional input tax it had paid under the formula.

HIS LORDSHIP said that use of the formula was not mandatory and was subject only to the condition that it produced a fair and reasonable result and had been agreed.

That the formula might have produced a result which was not fair and reasonable for the appellant's basis of operation did not make the formula impermissible.

No intrinsic error of fact or law had been made, simply an incorrect assessment of what would have been most advantageous to the appellant.

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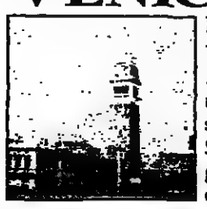

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Court of Appeal

Cutting lost years award for living expenses

Phipps v Brooks Dry Cleaning Services Ltd

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas

[Judgment July 11]

An award of damages for loss of earnings in the lost years, under the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934, was subject to a deduction in respect of the joint living expenses of the injured person and his dependants.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing in part an appeal by the plaintiff, Royston Howard Phipps, of Church Road, Soundwell, Bristol, against an award of damages made by Mr Justice Dyson against the defendants, Brooks Dry Cleaning Services Ltd.

Mr Kieran L. May for the plaintiff; Mr Allan Gore for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the appeal raised two points of general importance in relation to the calculation of *damages in the lost years, namely*, where a defendant reduced the expectation of life of the primary victim by the tort.

In *Pickett v Bret* ([1980] AC 136) the House of Lords had held that the primary victim as plaintiff, if he was alive, or his estate, if he was dead, could maintain an action for loss of the earnings which he would have received during the rest of his expected working life, subject to a reduction for his living expenses.

They left open the question as to how those living expenses were to be calculated in relation to the *shared or common expenses* incurred on behalf of the primary victim and his dependants living with him at the material time.

The question was considered by the Court of Appeal in *Harris v Empress Motors Ltd* ([1984] 1 WLR 212), where it was held that the common expenses should be divided equally between those involved. Thus, if the primary victim lived with his wife or partner alone, they should be divided in half; if there were children as well, the division should be pro rata.

If that was the ratio decidendi of that case, as Mr Justice Dyson held, then it was binding on the Court of Appeal.

However, Mr Anthony Temple, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, in *Bateman v Hydro Agri (UK) Ltd* (unreported, September 15, 1995), noted in *Kemp and Kemp, The Quantum of Damages* (volume 1, p6032), distinguished *Harris*'s case and held that the primary victim's living expenses should be treated in the same way as was done where the claim was by the dependants under the Fatal Accidents Acts, where shared or common expenses were regarded as part of the dependency.

The second point in the case related to the *DIY activity* which the primary victim had been in the habit of carrying out. Could he recover the value of his DIY services during the lost years? Mr Justice Dyson held that he could not, but Mr Temple in *Bateman*'s case held that he could.

Turning to the facts of the present case, his Lordship said that between 1960 and 1962 and between 1966 and 1969 the plaintiff was employed as a garment presser by the defendants at their dry cleaning factory premises at Ashley Vale, Bristol.

Unfortunately, that employment brought him into contact with asbestos dust from which he contracted mesothelioma. That was diagnosed in October 1994.

The disease radically reduced the plaintiff's expectation of life. It was common ground at the trial, which was concluded on November 9, 1995, *that the plaintiff* was expected to die in March 1996, although he was still alive.

He was 51 at the date of trial and married. The judge found that the plaintiff's net earnings would have been £12,741.60 a year. The plaintiff would have retired at the age of 60.

The judge held that the proper approach was to divide the common expenses equally between the *plaintiff* and his wife and concluded that 50 per cent of the net earnings would be attributable to the plaintiff's living expenses in the lost years while he could be expected to work. That gave a multiplicand of £6,370.80. He took a multiplier of 7.

Mr May contended that the plaintiff's living expenses should have been assessed at no more than one third, which would be the appropriate proportion if the action had been brought under the Fatal Accidents Acts on behalf of Mrs Phipps. *He submitted that the* approach should be identical to that adopted in assessing dependency under those Acts.

His reasoning seemed to have commended itself to Mr Temple in *Bateman*'s case, but his Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Dyson that that reasoning was unsound. *Harris*'s case could not be distinguished and was binding on the Court of Appeal.

Mr Phipps used to do DIY work about the house and was a keen gardener. Mr Justice Dyson rejected Mr May's submission that the plaintiff was entitled to recover the value of those activities in the lost years. Mr May relied on the reasoning of Mr Temple in *Bateman*'s case.

His Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Dyson that in so far as anything could be recovered in respect of inability to do DIY in the future during the lost years, that was a loss of amenity and fell to be taken into account in general damages to a modest extent and not on a multiplier/multiplicand basis.

As to the plaintiff's pension loss, the judge, having made an error in *discounting for the accelerated* receipt, made an award of £13,036.76. The appropriate figure was £19,730.55.

Accordingly, his Lordship would allow the appeal in part and increase the damages awarded by £6,693.79.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas agreed.

Solicitors: Sharples & Co, Bristol; Sansbury Hill, Bristol.

Approach to imposing enhanced sentence

Regina v Campbell (James Alexander)

The Court of Appeal set out the approach to be taken by a court passing sentence for a violent or sexual offence where guideline cases included an element of protection for the public and when the court thought it appropriate to invoke section 2(2)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 and, in order to protect the public from serious harm, to pass a longer sentence than might otherwise be regarded as commensurate with the gravity of the offences before the court.

The judge should first make up his mind as to the appropriate sentence, leaving out of account the element of enhancement to protect *the public. After he had arrived at* his starting point, the sentencer should then add the greater element needed for the protection of the public.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, Mr Justice Longman and Judge Beaumont) so stated on May 21, when giving reasons for allowing on May 17 the appeal of James Alexander Campbell and reducing to 17 years imprisonment a total sentence of 20 years imposed on November 28, 1994 by Judge Webster in Burnley Crown Court *following the appellant's pleas of* guilty to rape, attempted rape and wounding with intent.

MR JUSTICE LONGMORE said that if the suggested approach was adopted it would avoid the danger of imposing an element of the sentence twice over.

The judge was right to impose an enhanced sentence in this case, but in all the circumstances the overall sentence was too long.

Insurers entitled to believe old claim is cleared

Kelly v Blue Band Motors

After a period of time insurers were entitled to believe that a claim was cleared from their books and *finally disposed of.*

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Morland) so observed on June 14 dismissing an application by the plaintiff, Sean Kelly, for leave to appeal out of time from an order of Judge Earnshaw in Oldham *County Court striking out his* summons against the defendants, Blue Band Motors Ltd, under Order 9, rule 10 of the County Court Rules 1981.

MR JUSTICE MORLAND said the plaintiff had been injured at work on April 6, 1989 and his solicitor had served a summons and particulars on April 3, 1992. Because negotiations were under way, the parties had agreed to extend time for the filing of a defence, but in July 1993 the action had been automatically struck out.

The Solicitors Indemnity Fund had admitted liability and the matter was in effect a dispute *between insurers. Judge* Earnshaw had dismissed the appeal on June 24, 1994 and it was not until 17 months later, following the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Heer v Tutton* ([1995] 1 WLR 1336) that the plaintiff had sought leave to appeal out of time.

His Lordship said that if after a *great period of time a claim* was reopened there were necessarily increased costs on the insurers which would not have been incurred if the appeal had been made expeditiously.

Correction

In *Hamlin v Edwin Evans* (*The Times* July 15) counsel for the surveyors was Mr Stephen Powles, QC.

International Law Report

The Hague

Use of nuclear weapons to be compatible with treaties

Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons (Request for advisory opinion by the General Assembly of the United Nations)

Before Judge Bedjaoui, President, Judge Schwebel, Vice-President and Judges Oda, Guillaume, Shahabuddeen, Weeramantry, Ranjeva, Herczegh, Shi, Fleischhauer, Koroma, *Vereshchetin, Ferrari Bravo and* Higgins

[Judgment July 8]

There was in neither customary nor conventional international law any specific authorisation of the threat or use of nuclear weapons.

A threat or use of force by means of nuclear weapons that was contrary to article 2, paragraph 4 of the United Nations Charter and that failed to meet the requirements of article 51 was unlawful.

A threat or use of nuclear weapons should be compatible with the requirements of the international law applicable in armed conflict particularly those of the principles and rules of international and humanitarian law, as well as with specific obligations under treaties and other undertakings which expressly dealt with nuclear weapons.

There was an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring negotiations to a conclusion which led to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control.

The International Court of Justice so held unanimously in giving judgment on a request for an advisory opinion sought by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The ICJ also held, by a majority of 11 to three (Judges Shahabuddeen, Weeramantry and Koroma dissenting) that there was in neither customary nor conventional international law any comprehensive and universal prohibition of the threat or use of nuclear weapons as such: and by seven votes to seven with the President's casting vote (Judge Schwebel, Vice-President, Judges *Oda, Guillaume, Shahabuddeen,* Weeramantry, Koroma and Higgins against) that although the threat or use of nuclear weapons would generally be contrary to international law applicable in armed conflict, and in particular the principles and rules of humanitarian law; in view of the current state of international law, the Court could not conclude definitively whether the threat or use of nuclear weapons would be lawful or unlawful in an extreme circumstance of self-defence, in which the very survival of a state would be at stake.

In its judgment, the ICJ said that in its history there had been no refusal, based on the discretionary power of the Court, to act upon a request for advisory opinion. In the case concerning the question posed by the World Health Organisation the Court lacked jurisdiction to deal with the advisory question *posed (The Times July 13)*. In the present case the court had authority to deliver an opinion.

The most directly relevant applicable law was that which related to the use of force enshrined in the United Nations Charter and the law applicable in armed conflict which regulated the conduct of *hostilities*, together with any specific treaties on nuclear weapons that the court might determine to be relevant.

Article 2, paragraph 4 of the Charter prohibited the use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of another state. However, article 51 recognised the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence if an armed attack occurred.

In order to lessen or eliminate the risk of unlawful attack, states sometimes signalled that they possessed certain weapons to use in self-defence against any state violating their territorial integrity or political independence.

The notions of "threat" and "use" of force under article 2, paragraph 4 of the Charter stood together in the sense that if the use of force itself in a given case was illegal, the threat to use such force would likewise be illegal. If it was to be lawful, the declared readiness of a state to use force must be a use of force that was in conformity with the Charter.

The use of nuclear weapons could not be regarded as specifically prohibited. The pattern until now had been for weapons of mass destruction to be declared illegal by specific instruments but there was *not any specific prohibition of* recourse to nuclear weapons in treaties.

Nuclear weapons were invented after most of the principles and rules of humanitarian law applicable in armed conflict had already come into existence.

However, it could not be concluded *that the established principles* and rules of humanitarian law applicable in armed conflict did not apply to nuclear weapons. Such a conclusion would be incompatible with the intrinsically humanitarian character of the legal principles in question which permeated the entire law of armed *conflict and applied to all forms of* warfare and to all kinds of weapons.

The court appreciated the full importance of the recognition by article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of an obligation to negotiate in good faith a nuclear disarmament.

There was a twofold obligation to pursue and to conclude negotiations by the 182 States which were parties to that treaty.

Indeed, any realistic search for general and complete disarmament necessitated the cooperation of all states.

Advisory opinions must relate to duties of requesting body

Legality of the Use by a State of Nuclear Weapons in Armed Conflict (Request for Advisory Opinion by the World Health Organisation)

Before Judge Bedjaoui, President, Judge Schwebel, Vice-President and Judges Oda, Guillaume, Shahabuddeen, Weeramantry, Ranjeva, Herczegh, Shi, Fleischhauer, Koroma, Vereshchetin, Ferrari Bravo and Higgins

Registrar E. Valencia-Ospina

[Judgment July 8]

An advisory opinion sought from the International Court of Justice had to relate to the scope of the activities of the requesting agency.

Accordingly, the ICJ could not answer a question raised by the World Health Organisation on the legality of the use of nuclear weapons in armed conflict since the WHO was only authorised to deal with the effects on health of the use of nuclear weapons and not the legality of the use of such weapons.

The ICJ, by a majority of 11 to three (Judges Shahabuddeen, Weeramantry and Koroma dissenting), found that it was not able to give the advisory opinion requested by the WHO on the question of the legality of the use by a state of nuclear weapons in armed conflict.

The Court said that three conditions had to be satisfied for it to have jurisdiction to give an advisory opinion: the agency requesting the opinion had to be duly authorised under the Charter to request the Court's opinion; the opinion had to be on a legal question and the question had to be one which arose within the scope of the activities of the requesting agency.

The first two conditions had been met. With regard to the third, however, the Court found that although according to its constitution the WHO was authorised to deal with the effects on health of the use of nuclear weapons, or of any other hazardous activity, and to take preventive measures aimed at protecting the health of populations in the event of such weapons being used or such activities engaged in, the question put to the Court related not to the effects of the use of nuclear weapons on health, but to the legality of the use of such weapons in view of their health and environmental effects.

The competence of the WHO to deal with those effects was not dependent on the legality of the acts that caused them. Unlike states, international organisations *did not possess a general competence*, but were governed by the "principle of speciality": they were invested by the states which created them with powers, the limits of which were a function of the common interests whose promotion those states entrusted to them.

CRICKET

Durham and Hick provide dramas in midst of crises

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

IN THE spa towns of Cheltenham and Harrogate this week, the July festivals will produce yet another new leader of the county championship, but it is a fixture focusing squarely on the other end of the table that provides the human dramas. Can Durham win a game before the season ends? Can Graeme Hick play the innings he must, if the annual baying for his blood is not to become deafening once more?

Durham's record this season is so grisly that one wants to avert the eyes. In the four significant competitions, they have managed to beat only Minor Counties and Scotland. They have lost ten out of 11 matches in the Sunday League — the other was washed out — and are also bottom of the county championship, despite having played two games more than most of the teams above them. They are worse than when they came into first-class cricket four years ago, which is saying something.

Batting has been their main downfall. The heroic Simon Brown leads a serviceable attack that has garnered a highly-respectable 36 bonus points in ten games, but the batsmen have managed only 16 and opponents queue up to bowl at them. Sherwin Campbell, the West Indies opener, must wonder what he has stumbled into. He may be consoled by news that his home administration plans to extend the Caribbean season and put its Test players under contract, effectively ending three decades of seasonal commuting across the Atlantic.

The stoics at Durham say what they must — that one win is all they need for the spirits to lift and the form to improve — but where is that win to come from? If anywhere, maybe from New Road, where Worcestershire are also agonising on a lost season and where Hick is performing like a lost soul.

Hick's poor run at Test level, including only 35 runs in the three Tests against India, would be thought nothing unusual or alarming if he was savaging county attacks between times. He used to do it routinely: now, quite suddenly, it is the routine that seems to have got on top of him.

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Worcestershire were not in complete accord with his desire to miss their last championship match, against Yorkshire, but acceded to the request made by David Lloyd, the England coach. Explaining it later, Lloyd said: "I look at players when they leave a game. If someone is suffering, if he is obviously jaded, I feel it's my duty to speak to his county."

It is this that is so worrying about Hick. He says he has not been sleeping well, but he looks like a man with the world on his shoulders and his mind in neutral. The joy has gone from his cricket, along with the flair and certainty of stroke and of slip catch.

England's selectors will be watching, over the coming three days, studying his outward state of mind as much as his runscoring. At his best, he remains an automatic selection against Pakistan. For a while now, he has been a long way from his best.

Worcestershire lie fifteenth in the championship. The teams cushioning them from Durham are Gloucestershire and Northamptonshire, neither of whom expected to be wallowing in the depths.

Northamptonshire had been sustained by their one-day form until it all came to nothing with a string of defeats in the last fortnight. Now, they must try to salvage their championship season against Middlesex today and do so without the injured Curtly Ambrose.

Gloucestershire quietly fancied themselves as an each-way bet for the championship, but have won only one of their first eight games. The crash of the dressing-room door, slammed by Courtney Walsh on yet another post-match inquest, is becoming monotonous and their remaining hope is that the splendour of Cheltenham has its usual effect upon them.

Last year, Lancashire and Essex were beaten at the festival and there is equally attractive opposition now. Warwickshire arrive next week, but today it is Leicestershire, technically the best-placed county, at the midway point, to take the championship.

Yorkshire could have something to say about that. They play Hampshire at Harrogate and, with Kent not engaged, victory would take them clear at the top of the table. They would not be caught easily.

GRAHAM MORRIS

Saeed lashes a ball from Brown to the cover boundary on his way to a century before lunch at Edgbaston

Saeed gives England fair warning

By Simon Wilde

EDGBASTON (Pakistanis won toss): Warwickshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 198 runs behind the Pakistanis

IT WAS a tale of two left-handed openers at Edgbaston yesterday, both of whom may feature strongly in the first Test match at Lord's next week. Nick Knight staked a persuasive claim to be recalled after injury by England and Saeed Anwar, certain of a place in the Pakistan side, scored a sparkling century before lunch.

If Saeed's run-a-ball 131 was the highlight of the day, David Lloyd, the watching England coach, will also have been impressed by Knight's composure in safely negotiating the final 90 minutes.

He survived a strong leg-before appeal from his first ball from Waqar Younis — who soon left the field with further hamstring trouble — but then handled everything a varied attack could provide to reach 42 out of 99 for two.

Saeed took a heavy toll of some indifferent bowling from a Warwickshire attack lacking Small and Pollock but there was no doubting his talent. He looked to score at every opportunity and hit the ball with glorious freedom, delighting a noisy contingent of supporters. Admittedly, one square boundary was short but his tally of 20 fours and three sixes ought to serve as warning enough to England's bowlers that he will permit them no leeway. Nor will Inzamam-ul-Haq, who struck 51 in a partnership of 129.

Saeed's century was his third in six first-class innings on this tour. He has punished some ordinary bowling in that time and Lloyd will have noted the way he drove ambitiously at balls outside off stump and edged perilously near to close catchers, before the stroke brought his downfall.

Nor are Pakistan without batting concerns. Ijaz Ahmed and Salim Malik — who was feebly leg-before to Brown to his first first-class ball of the tour — remain woefully short of runs and if Ijaz cannot provide solidity at No 3, Asif Mujtaba could gain promotion. He alone showed a willingness to drop anchor.

The Pakistani innings was a curious affair. They scored 187 for two in 36 overs before lunch and 110 for eight from 37.4 overs afterwards. Three different bowlers were on hat-tricks — Brown, Altree and Giles. Welch would have been a fourth had not Burns dropped Ijaz off his first ball.

Crookes steadies ship

DEREK CROOKES hit a century off 77 balls at Cardiff yesterday as the South Africa A middle order punished some below-par Glamorgan bowling on the first day of their three-day match. He shared a fifth-wicket partnership of 180 in only 32 overs with Hylton Ackerman, who made 99, as South Africa recovered from 41 for four, when Crookes went in, to reach 346. Crookes was out soon after lunch, bowled by Parkin for 105.

By the close, Glamorgan were 96 for five off 20 overs, still needing 101 to avoid the follow-on.

Surrey's batsmen unable to press their advantage

By Ivo Tennant

GUILDFORD (first day of four; Surrey won toss): Surrey have scored 317 for eight wickets against Sussex

ONCE a year, Surrey stage a festival at Guildford, a town of stockbrokers and wall-to-wall traffic that also has a rather pleasant, if cramped cricket ground. Batsmen enjoy coming here. There were runs yesterday for Alec Stewart, Graham Thorpe, Mark Butcher and Darren Bicknell, but in the conditions that prevailed — an easy pitch, quick outfield and short boundaries — there should have been more.

Four batsmen made scores ranging from 48 to 74, which is to say that at least one should have come up with a century. All credit to Sussex, who left out Drakes — he was officially rested — and whose quicker bowlers maintained an accurate line on a hot day. Jarvis took three wickets, Law and Lewry two apiece and, although a couple came about through the failings of the batsmen, they deserved them.

All this before an England selector in Graham Gooch. He knows enough about Thorpe and Stewart, but would have been captivated by Butcher's sense of timing. Bicknell, who was out two runs short of a half-century, did not catch the eye quite as much before he was caught at the wicket, fencing at Law.

Butcher by then had top-edged an attempted hook off Jarvis to wide mid-on, having struck nine fours in his 57. Thorpe's half-century was the quickest, coming off 58 balls. By the time he was out, airily driving at Jarvis, he had hit 12 fours. If this was an instance of a batsman giving away his wicket, so, too, was the dismissal of Brown two balls later, playing across the line.

Five wickets went down for 49 runs. Stewart, whose 74 included 13 fours, was taken at the wicket off Law without moving his feet. Lewis was held at extra cover from one Salisbury turned, Hollioake made a nonsense of an intended pull off Lewry and Moores took a fourth catch to remove Julian. Pretenders for the championship, which is what Surrey are, have to bat better than this.

SURREY: First innings
D J Bicknell c Moores b Law 48
M A Butcher c Wells b Jarvis 57
*A J Stewart c Moores b Law 74
G P Thorpe c Moores b Jarvis 66
A D Brown lbw b Jarvis 0
A J Hollioake c Athey b Lewry 20
C C Lewis c Athey b Salisbury 7
B P Julian c Moores b Lewry 5
†G J Kersey not out 13
M P Bicknell not out 12
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 2, nb 4) 15
Total (8 wkts, 104 overs) 317
R M Pearson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-99, 2-123, 3-251, 4-251, 5-270, 6-285, 7-286, 8-300.
BOWLING: Jarvis 20-6-57-3; Lewry 15-2-45-2; Law 20-4-68-2; Giddins 14-2-55-0; Lenham 4-1-17-0; Salisbury 25-9-53-1; Greenfield 5-3-13-0.
SUSSEX: C W J Athey, N J Lenham, *A P Wells, K Greenfield, M P Speight, D R Law, I D K Salisbury, †P Moores, E S H Giddins, P W Jarvis, J D Lewry
Bonus points: Surrey 3 Sussex 3
Umpires: R Palmer and B Leadbeater.

Starring role goes to Hutton

By Jack Bailey

HARROGATE (Gloucestershire won toss): Durham beat Gloucestershire by four wickets

ALTHOUGH there is no trophy cabinet at the Riverside Ground and there will be no parade through the streets of Durham in an open-top double-decker, the former omission will have to be rectified. For Durham took the Costcutter Cup at Harrogate yesterday by foiling Gloucestershire's attempt to win it for the third year in succession.

A good performance in the field, which limited Gloucestershire to 249 for seven, was followed by an admirably paced undefeated innings of 105 by Stewart Hutton. He first played second fiddle to Sherwin Campbell in an opening stand of 95, then kept his team ahead of the game while facing 153 balls and hitting a six and seven fours.

Durham only had ten balls to spare as Gloucestershire fought hard to the end but on a good pitch they needed more runs to defend. A sturdy 72 from Matthew Windows, perhaps too sturdy, and Monty Lynch's consummate 63 from 54 balls were offset by a mid-innings collapse which saw them lose four wickets for 24 runs, chiefly to Betts.

The Gloucestershire attack, well though Lewis bowled and Symonds fiddled, was depleted by Boden's absence and Alleyne's unwillingness to use himself. But no game has been more competitively fought.

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Eatons Goals 2 (J Eaton)	10887
2	Eatons Goals 3 (J Eaton)	10716
3	Eatons Goals (J Eaton)	10524
4	Scottshire A (P Scholfield)	10514
5	Opportunists 3rd XI (Stewart)	10469
6	XI Gladiators (D Fungley)	10408
7	K P Allstars 3 (KR Patel)	10404
8	Spread Eagles 3rd X (P Stewart)	10396
9	Odsey Three (M Long)	10314
10	Bowled Marilyn (H Paul)	10289
11	Heavens 5th XI (RJ Wall)	10221
12	Torridge Tops (C Hulbert)	10207
13	Pumeshire (C Holbutt)	10171
14	Cheadle High School (M Roberts)	10155
15	Caroline A (A Luckhurst)	10118
16	Ricardos Marvels (R Williams)	10108
17	Cormans Balls 2 (D Brackburn)	10096
18	Hollioakes (M Ward)	10077
19	Freds Team (R Price)	10063
20	——	10051
21	Opportunists 4th XI (P Stewart)	10040
22	Oddity 2 (M Long)	10015
23	The Wrens (M Hall)	10011
24	Flat Spin 3 (J Hodginson)	10006
25	Bertie's Allsorts 11 (BE Howes)	10003
26	Adfity 1 (M Long)	9980
27	Perth Finders A (P Stewart)	9972
28	Formula 5 (M Loveridge)	9946
29	Caroline 1 (A Luckhurst)	9945
30	Last Chance XI (PA Stones)	9943
31	GT Old Boys (MA Trovell)	9942
32	Teddy 3 (B Bear)	9922
33	John Hunt X 1 (J Hunt)	9912
34	M J S Team 1 (R Stent)	9893
35	Jones XI Wonders (Dr M Jassja)	9878
36	——	9869
37	Opportunists 1st XI (P Stewart)	9868
38	Alaturka (P Stewart)	9843
39	Yarns XI 1st (A Donkersley)	9828
40	Pannal Beaters (JS Hutchinson)	9825
41	On A Sticky Wicket (A Youngman)	9809
42	Law Of Australia (H Paul)	9793
43	G CC 1 (G Dolan)	9786
44	The Run Rats (Mrs L Tattoo)	9783
=45	(D Ajhtar)	9780
=45	Caroline D (A Lockhurst)	9780
47	Someone Who Was (M Nickson)	9779
48	Dream Team 2 (M Dunn)	9777
49	The Ultimate (JB Portwood)	9768
50	Otessey 4 (M Long)	9767
51	West End Wallies (AR Howes)	9758
52	She Loves Other Sun (DA Jackson)	9757
53	Duck Donald (H Paul)	9754
54	Thingy Bob (AZA Ghani)	9752
55	No Cowshots Please (R Huskins)	9751
56	Four Sack (JB Portwood)	9732
57	Martina McBride (S Vale)	9728
58	Brooks Bacon Bunnys (G Brookes)	9727
=59	Oakemore Third XI (S Oliver)	9725
=59	Amphetamine Kids (M Eves)	9725
61	Six Hitters (N Marchant)	9721
62	Officer Dibble (G Wellings)	9718
63	Breakfast Boys (J Goodman)	9715
64	The Valiants (J Wheeler)	9707
65	Must Be Pay Day (F Pansyl)	9704
66	Sandwich Stag (I Ellis)	9701
67	Mess Walker's XI (A Wright)	9692
68	Second Innings (G Brooks)	9689
69	Lord Of The Room (V Lee)	9685
70	Ben Bob Gems (JS Hutchinson)	9681
71	Kalb's Corkers 2 (N Kalb)	9675
72	Holden End CC (T Morgan)	9669
=73	The Happy Hookers (G Brooks)	9667
=73	Tell's Tigers (J Short)	9667
75	Old King Colelans (D Jones)	9664
76	Caught Henry (H Paul)	9661
77	(J Gregory)	9659
78	EARLY BIRDS 2 (M Whaley)	9649
79	Lindas Loosers (L Tattoo)	9640
=80	Funny England (R Chesworth)	9619
=80	Caroline C (A Luckhurst)	9619
82	Taunton A (J Hunt)	9612
83	G B's First XI (G Brooks)	9603
84	Ruvansalt XI (W Robershan)	9595
85	Joint Venture 4 (J Richardson)	9594
86	Rollings Stampum (D Finley)	9591
87	The Ton Machine (N Kalb)	9587
=88	Webbles Wombles (AR Howes)	9581
=88	Last Man Out (D McCambley)	9581
=88	——	9581
91	Johnson's First XI (RJ Johnson)	9578
92	Haye Bales Of A Time (JR Stanley)	9573
93	Kirstie's Cronies (R Turner)	9569
94	Johns Withers Cue (J Wakefield)	9565
95	Kaslarest Casuals (WE Foster)	9560
96	Oh Jiffy Six (M Long)	9559
97	The Gillespie Rogues (T Doyle)	9557
98	M C K K Boys (AZA Ghani)	9551
98	Munday CC (DL Munday)	9551
100	Carju's Crickets (J Candy)	9549

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by July 15. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**. Rising Stars in *italic*.

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

The transfer line will open at 8am each Tuesday and will close at 6pm the following Monday. All transfers made during this period will be applied to team selectors' teams prior to the commencement of the next first-class match *(transfer times may be altered slightly to accommodate schedule of first-class matches and prior notification will be published in The Times)*. Transfers may only be made by telephone by calling

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A team selector may transfer up to two players in his/her team per transfer period. Whether you are transferring one or two players, your team must be rendered correct according to the format of five batsmen, one all-rounder, one wicketkeeper and four bowlers and including one rising star and one overseas player (but no more than one of either) by the end of the call. You may check your team score and position in ITC by calling the ITC Check Line on

0891 774 779

Batsmen (001-135)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
C J Adams (001)	1031	(0)	0	(0)	1031	(0)
G F Archer (002)	395	(0)	0	(0)	395	(0)
M A Atherton (003)	664	(0)	0	(0)	664	(0)
C W J Athey (004)	508	(0)	0	(0)	508	(0)
M Azharuddin (005)	439	(0)	0	(0)	439	(0)
R J Bailey (006)	486	(0)	2	(0)	525	(0)
K J Barnett (007)	641	(0)	8	(0)	801	(0)
M R Benson (008)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M G Bevan (009)	1134	(0)	3	(0)	1194	(0)
D J Bicknell (010)	475	(0)	7	(0)	615	(0)
D A Blenkiron (011)	296	(0)	0	(0)	296	(0)
P D Bowler (012)	788	(0)	0	(0)	788	(0)
N E Briers (013)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A D Brown (014)	281	(0)	0	(0)	281	(0)
D Byas (015)	465	(0)	0	(0)	465	(0)
S L Campbell (016)	568	(0)	0	(0)	568	(0)
J D Carr (017)	444	(0)	0	(0)	444	(0)
M J Church (018)	218	(0)	6	(0)	338	(0)
P A Cottey (019)	751	(0)	0	(0)	751	(0)
G R Cowdrey (020)	467	(0)	0	(0)	467	(0)
J P Crawley (021)	272	(0)	0	(0)	272	(0)
C D Crowe (022)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Cunliffe (023)	252	(0)	0	(0)	252	(0)
T S Curtis (024)	420	(0)	0	(0)	420	(0)
J A Daley (025)	116	(0)	0	(0)	116	(0)
A J Dalton (026)	37	(0)	0	(0)	37	(0)
R I Dawson (027)	79	(0)	1	(0)	99	(0)
M P Dowman (028)	37	(0)	0	(0)	37	(0)
N H Fairbrother (029)	512	(0)	0	(0)	512	(0)
A Flintoff (030)	2	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
A Fordham (031)	322	(0)	0	(0)	322	(0)
D P Fulton (032)	552	(0)	1	(0)	572	(0)
J E R Gallian (033)	407	(0)	4	(0)	487	(0)
M W Gatting (034)	658	(0)	0	(0)	658	(0)
N A Gie (035)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G A Gooch (036)	879	(0)	1	(0)	899	(0)
K Greenfield (037)	502	(0)	0	(0)	502	(0)
A Habib (038)	557	(0)	0	(0)	557	(0)
J W Hall (039)	253	(0)	0	(0)	253	(0)
T H C Hancock (040)	525	(0)	0	(0)	525	(0)
R J Harden (041)	64	(0)	0	(0)	64	(0)
M E Harvey (042)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A N Hayhurst (043)	222	(0)	1	(0)	242	(0)
G R Haynes (044)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D L Hemp (045)	107	(0)	1	(0)	127	(0)
G A Hick (046)	578	(0)	3	(0)	638	(0)
A J Hollioake (047)	861	(0)	8	(0)	1021	(0)
N Hussain (048)	768	(0)	0	(0)	768	(0)
S Hutton (049)	438	(0)	0	(0)	438	(0)
Ijaz Ahmed (050)	68	(0)	0	(0)	68	(0)
Inzamam-ul-Haq (051)	224	(0)	0	(0)	224	(0)
S P James (052)	799	(0)	0	(0)	799	(0)
P Johnson (053)	496	(0)	0	(0)	496	(0)
D M Jones (054)	763	(0)	7	(0)	903	(0)
V Kambli (055)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M Keech (056)	273	(0)	0	(0)	273	(0)
W S Kendall (057)	444	(0)	0	(0)	444	(0)
G J Kennis (058)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W G Khan (059)	317	(0)	0	(0)	317	(0)
N V Knight (060)	539	(0)	0	(0)	539	(0)
J S Laney (061)	642	(0)	0	(0)	642	(0)
M N Lathwell (062)	442	(0)	0	(0)	442	(0)
S G Law (063)	998	(0)	3	(0)	1058	(0)
D A Leatherdale (064)	253	(0)	4	(0)	333	(0)
N J Lenham (065)	419	(0)	1	(0)	439	(0)
J J B Lewis (066)	157	(0)	0	(0)	157	(0)
N J Llong (067)	210	(0)	9	(0)	390	(0)
G D Lloyd (068)	577	(0)	0	(0)	577	(0)
J I Longley (069)	6	(0)	0	(0)	6	(0)
M B Loye (070)	530	(0)	0	(0)	530	(0)
M A Lynch (071)	51	(0)	0	(0)	51	(0)
G I Macmillan (072)	66	(0)	0	(0)	66	(0)
D L Maddy (073)	408	(0)	4	(0)	488	(0)
S V Manjrekar (074)	540	(0)	0	(0)	540	(0)
M P Maynard (075)	708	(0)	0	(0)	708	(0)
A McGrath (076)	670	(0)	0	(0)	670	(0)
A A Metcalfe (077)	439	(0)	0	(0)	439	(0)
A J Moles (078)	640	(0)	0	(0)	640	(0)
R R Montgomerie (079)	741	(0)	0	(0)	741	(0)
T M Moody (080)	884	(0)	8	(0)	1044	(0)
H Morris (081)	764	(10)	0	(0)	764	(10)
J Morris (082)	369	(0)	0	(0)	369	(0)
R S M Morris (083)	195	(0)	0	(0)	195	(0)
M D Moxon (084)	605	(0)	0	(0)	605	(0)
K Newell (085)	105	(0)	1	(0)	125	(0)
T J G O'Gorman (086)	131	(0)	0	(0)	131	(0)
D P Ostler (087)	494	(0)	0	(0)	484	(0)
J E Owen (088)	499	(0)	0	(0)	499	(0)
K A Parsons (089)	29	(0)	1	(0)	49	(0)
T L Penney (090)	771	(0)	0	(0)	771	(0)
P R Pollard (091)	389	(0)	0	(0)	389	(0)
J C Pooley (092)	463	(0)	0	(0)	483	(0)
P J Prichard (093)	387	(0)	0	(0)	387	(0)
M R Ramprakash (094)	823	(0)	2	(0)	863	(0)
J D Ratcliffe (095)	240	(0)	3	(0)	300	(0)
D D J Robinson (096)	470	(0)	0	(0)	470	(0)
P E Robinson (097)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R T Robinson (098)	794	(0)	0	(0)	794	(0)
A S Rollins (099)	663	(0)	0	(0)	663	(0)
M A Roseberry (100)	468	(0)	0	(0)	468	(0)
Saeed Anwar (101)	497	(0)	0	(0)	497	(0)
O A Shah (102)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N Shahid (103)	89	(0)	0	(0)	89	(0)
Salim Malik (104)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D J Sales (105)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N S Sidhu (106)	171	(0)	0	(0)	171	(0)
P V Simmons (107)	463	(0)	14	(0)	743	(0)
A Singh (108)	639	(0)	0	(0)	639	(0)
B F Smith (109)	578	(0)	0	(0)	578	(0)
R A Smith (110)	521	(0)	0	(0)	521	(0)
N J Speak (111)	280	(0)	0	(0)	280	(0)
M P Speight (112)	273	(0)	0	(0)	273	(0)
A J Stewart (113)	389	(0)	0	(0)	389	(0)
I J Sutcliffe (114)	427	(0)	3	(0)	487	(0)
A Symonds (115)	603	(0)	4	(0)	683	(0)
N R Taylor (116)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Tendulkar (117)	707	(0)	1	(0)	727	(0)
V P Terry (118)	153	(0)	0	(0)	158	(0)
G P Thorpe (119)	1089	(0)	2	(0)	1129	(0)
S P Titchard (120)	409	(0)	0	(0)	409	(0)
M E Trescothick (121)	240	(0)	0	(0)	240	(0)
T A Tweats (122)	130	(0)	0	(0)	130	(0)
M P Vaughan (123)	698	(0)	9	(0)	878	(0)
M J Walker (124)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T C Walton (125)	55	(0)	0	(0)	55	(0)
D M Ward (126)	81	(0)	0	(0)	81	(0)
T R Ward (127)	724	(0)	2	(0)	764	(0)
A P Wells (128)	591	(0)	0	(0)	591	(0)
R M S Weston (129)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W P C Weston (130)	785	(0)	0	(0)	785	(0)
G W White (131)	235	(0)	0	(0)	235	(0)
J J Whitaker (132)	664	(0)	0	(0)	664	(0)
P R Whitaker (133)	397	(0)	8	(0)	557	(0)
M G N Windows (134)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A J Wright (135)	408	(0)	0	(0)	408	(0)

All-rounders (150-203)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
Aamir Sohail (150)	77	(0)	1	(0)	97	(0)
M W Alleyne (151)	377	(0)	25	(0)	877	(0)
I D Austin (152)	379	(0)	13	(0)	639	(0)
P Bainbridge (153)	450	(0)	6	(0)	570	(0)
D R Brown (154)	295	(0)	26	(0)	815	(0)
M A Butcher (155)	1101	(0)	4	(0)	1181	(0)
C L Cairns (156)	552	(0)	21	(0)	972	(0)
D J Capel (157)	365	(0)	17	(0)	705	(0)
D G Cork (158)	281	(0)	30	(0)	881	(0)
R D B Croft (159)	315	(2)	41	(2)	1135	(42)
K M Curran (160)	337	(0)	4	(0)	417	(0)
A Dale (161)	372	(0)	3	(0)	432	(0)
P A J DeFreitas (162)	151	(0)	12	(0)	391	(0)
V C Drakes (163)	180	(0)	17	(0)	520	(0)
M A Ealham (164)	354	(0)	29	(0)	934	(0)
S C Ecclestone (165)	97	(0)	0	(0)	97	(0)
K P Evans (166)	197	(0)	19	(0)	577	(0)
M A Feltham (167)	14	(0)	4	(0)	94	(0)
M V Fleming (168)	454	(0)	9	(0)	634	(0)
A P Grayson (169)	442	(0)	10	(0)	642	(0)
O D Gibson (170)	85	(0)	0	(0)	85	(0)
F A Griffith (171)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
C L Hooper (172)	637	(0)	16	(0)	957	(0)
R C Irani (173)	475	(0)	23	(0)	935	(0)
A D Jadeja (174)	489	(0)	0	(0)	489	(0)
K D James (175)	429	(0)	21	(0)	849	(0)
B P Julian (176)	309	(0)	29	(0)	889	(0)
J H Kallis (177)	92	(0)	0	(0)	92	(0)
S R Lampitt (178)	385	(0)	23	(0)	845	(0)
S Lee (179)	679	(0)	23	(0)	1139	(0)
C C Lewis (180)	252	(0)	31	(0)	872	(0)
G W Mike (181)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A C Morris (182)	189	(0)	4	(0)	269	(0)
Mushtaq Ahmed (183)	12	(0)	13	(0)	272	(0)
D J Nash (184)	15	(0)	1	(0)	35	(0)
A L Penberthy (185)	350	(0)	14	(0)	630	(0)
S M Pollock (186)	320	(0)	37	(0)	1060	(0)
D A Reeve (187)	351	(0)	9	(0)	531	(0)
G D Rose (188)	111	(0)	30	(0)	711	(0)
V S Solanki (189)	269	(0)	14	(0)	549	(0)
A W Smith (190)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N M K Smith (191)	294	(0)	20	(0)	694	(0)
P A Smith (192)	23	(0)	2	(0)	63	(0)
J N Snape (193)	76	(0)	4	(0)	156	(0)
J P Stephenson (194)	347	(0)	16	(0)	667	(0)
C M Tolley (195)	69	(0)	6	(0)	189	(0)
Wasim Akram (196)	38	(0)	7	(0)	178	(0)
M Watkinson (197)	241	(0)	15	(0)	541	(0)
G Welch (198)	143	(0)	22	(0)	583	(0)
C M Wells (199)	455	(0)	4	(0)	535	(0)
V J Wells (200)	765	(0)	8	(0)	925	(0)
P N Weekes (201)	548	(0)	17	(0)	888	(0)
C White (202)	411	(0)	23	(0)	871	(0)
J R Wileman (203)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)

Wicketkeepers (225-256)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
A N Aymes (225)	499	(0)	21	(0)	919	(0)
R J Blakey (226)	361	(0)	26	(0)	881	(0)
K R Brown (227)	442	(0)	28	(0)	1002	(0)
M Burns (228)	205	(0)	7	(0)	345	(0)
S P Griffiths (229)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W K Hegg (230)	436	(0)	26	(0)	956	(0)
P C L Holloway (231)	224	(0)	5	(0)	324	(0)
G J Kersey (232)	194	(0)	26	(0)	714	(0)
J A Knott (233)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
K M Krikken (234)	431	(0)	34	(0)	1111	(0)
D G C Ligertwood (235)	191	(0)	15	(0)	491	(0)
S A Marsh (236)	341	(0)	28	(0)	881	(0)
C P Metson (237)	40	(0)	12	(0)	280	(0)
P Moores (238)	386	(0)	19	(0)	766	(0)
N R Mongia (239)	364	(0)	14	(0)	644	(0)
P A Nixon (240)	425	(0)	27	(0)	965	(0)
W M Noon (241)	68	(0)	11	(0)	288	(0)
K J Piper (242)	146	(0)	16	(0)	466	(0)
Rashid Latif (243)	41	(0)	8	(0)	201	(0)
S J Rhodes (244)	433	(0)	23	(0)	893	(0)
D Ripley (245)	130	(0)	4	(0)	210	(0)
R J Rollins (246)	396	(0)	33	(0)	1056	(0)
R C Russell (247)	415	(0)	26	(0)	935	(0)
N F Sargeant (248)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C W Scott (249)	208	(0)	20	(0)	608	(0)
A D Shaw (250)	109	(0)	13	(0)	369	(0)
R J Turner (251)	304	(0)	32	(0)	944	(0)
L N Walker (252)	93	(0)	16	(0)	413	(0)
R J Warren (253)	438	(0)	17	(0)	778	(0)
P Whitticase (254)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R C J Williams (255)	108	(0)	3	(0)	168	(0)
S C Willis (256)	0	(0)	3	(0)	60	(0)

Bowlers (275-404)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
P R Adams (275)	27	(0)	4	(0)	107	(0)
J A Afford (276)	15	(0)	26	(0)	535	(0)
U Afzaal (277)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P Aldred (278)	50	(0)	8	(0)	210	(0)
C E L Ambrose (279)	58	(0)	24	(0)	538	(0)
S J W Andrew (280)	38	(0)	12	(0)	278	(0)
Aqib Javed (281)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M C J Ball (282)	117	(0)	10	(0)	317	(0)
S R Barwick (283)	12	(0)	1	(0)	32	(0)
S J Base (284)	1	(0)	1	(0)	21	(0)
R T Bates (285)	105	(0)	8	(0)	265	(0)
J D Batty (286)	166	(0)	16	(0)	486	(0)
M A V Bell (287)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J E Benjamin (288)	37	(0)	16	(0)	357	(0)
W K M Benjamin (289)	140	(0)	6	(0)	260	(0)
M M Betts (290)	174	(0)	31	(0)	794	(0)
M P Bicknell (291)	121	(0)	37	(0)	861	(0)
S D Birbeck (292)	8	(0)	4	(0)	88	(0)
D J P Boden (293)	1	(0)	1	(0)	21	(0)
J Boiling (294)	79	(0)	9	(0)	259	(0)
J N B Bovill (295)	78	(0)	10	(0)	278	(0)
M T Brimson (296)	13	(0)	16	(0)	333	(0)
J E Brinkley (297)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J E Brown (298)	266	(0)	50	(0)	1266	(0)
A R Caddick (299)	51	(0)	32	(0)	691	(0)
R J Chapman (300)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
G Chapple (301)	142	(0)	24	(0)	622	(0)
J H Childs (302)	1	(0)	18	(0)	361	(0)
V P Clarke (303)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C A Connor (304)	112	(0)	36	(0)	832	(0)
K E Cooper (305)	5	(0)	5	(0)	105	(0)
D M Cousins (306)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A P Cowan (307)	71	(0)	12	(0)	311	(0)
D M Cox (308)	89	(0)	5	(0)	189	(0)
R P Davis (309)	111	(0)	10	(0)	311	(0)
J M De La Pena (310)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N A Derbyshire (311)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
R R Dibden (312)	1	(0)	2	(0)	41	(0)
M Dimond (313)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A D Edwards (314)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S W K Ellis (315)	0	(0)	5	(0)	100	(0)
S Elworthy (316)	254	(0)	21	(0)	674	(0)
A R C Fraser (317)	156	(0)	22	(0)	596	(0)
E S H Giddins (318)	41	(0)	33	(0)	701	(0)
A F Giles (319)	147	(0)	25	(0)	647	(0)
D Gough (320)	365	(0)	30	(0)	965	(0)
R J Green (321)	14	(0)	6	(0)	134	(0)
J C Hallett (322)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G M Hamilton (323)	1	(0)	4	(0)	81	(0)
A J Harris (324)	49	(0)	32	(0)	689	(0)
P J Hartley (325)	220	(0)	24	(0)	700	(0)
D W Headley (326)	77	(0)	13	(0)	337	(0)
J E Hindson (327)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J G Hughes (328)	14	(0)	1	(0)	34	(0)
A P Igglesden (329)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R K Illingworth (330)	265	(0)	27	(0)	805	(0)
M C Ilott (331)	132	(0)	19	(0)	512	(0)
P W Jarvis (332)	114	(0)	10	(0)	314	(0)
R L Johnson (333)	99	(0)	6	(0)	219	(0)
G Keedy (334)	61	(0)	9	(0)	241	(0)
N M Kendrick (335)	19	(0)	12	(0)	259	(0)
S G Kenlock (336)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J I D Kerr (337)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A A Khan (338)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N Killeen (339)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
R J Kirtley (340)	0	(0)	3	(0)	60	(0)
A Kumble (341)	112	(0)	13	(0)	372	(0)
R P Lefebvre (342)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Lewis (343)	84	(0)	9	(0)	264	(0)
J D Lewry (344)	76	(0)	22	(0)	516	(0)
M J McCague (345)	268	(0)	38	(0)	1028	(0)
D E Malcolm (346)	59	(0)	36	(0)	779	(0)
N A Mallender (347)	31	(0)	1	(0)	51	(0)
P J Martin (348)	103	(0)	20	(0)	503	(0)
R S C Martin-Jenkins (349)	20	(0)	1	(0)	40	(0)
R J Maru (350)	82	(0)	4	(0)	162	(0)
S M Milburn (352)	134	(0)	13	(0)	394	(0)
D J Millns (353)	266	(0)	39	(0)	1046	(0)
A D Mullally (354)	104	(0)	35	(0)	804	(0)
T A Munton (355)	57	(0)	11	(0)	277	(0)
P J Newport (356)	142	(0)	19	(0)	522	(0)
R W Nowell (357)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Ormond (358)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G J Parsons (359)	155	(0)	28	(0)	715	(0)
M M Patel (360)	124	(0)	24	(0)	604	(0)
R M Pearson (361)	63	(0)	21	(0)	483	(0)
D B Pennett (362)	27	(0)	7	(0)	167	(0)
N C Phillips (363)	100	(0)	5	(0)	200	(0)
R A Pick (364)	66	(0)	7	(0)	206	(0)
A R K Pierson (365)	132	(0)	24	(0)	612	(0)
A C S Pigott (366)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
V J Pike (367)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S L V Raju (368)	33	(0)	5	(0)	135	(0)
A R Roberts (369)	102	(0)	9	(0)	282	(0)
M A Robinson (370)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
I D K Salisbury (371)	235	(0)	13	(0)	495	(0)
Saqlain Mushtaq (372)	80	(0)	0	(0)	80	(0)
B N Schultz (373)	9	(0)	4	(0)	89	(0)
J P Searle (374)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D J Shadford (375)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
K P Sheeraz (376)	3	(0)	1	(0)	23	(0)
A Sheriyar (377)	17	(0)	14	(0)	297	(0)
K J Shine (378)	105	(0)	22	(0)	545	(0)
C E W Silverwood (379)	136	(0)	23	(0)	596	(0)
G C Small (380)	37	(0)	7	(0)	177	(0)
A M Smith (381)	215	(0)	31	(0)	835	(0)
D J Spencer (382)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Srinath (383)	128	(0)	20	(0)	528	(0)
E J Stanford (384)	12	(0)	5	(0)	112	(0)
R D Stemp (385)	236	(0)	26	(0)	756	(0)
P M Such (386)	56	(0)	34	(0)	736	(0)
J P Taylor (387)	131	(0)	24	(0)	611	(0)
S D Thomas (388)	182	(0)	17	(0)	522	(0)
J B Thompson (389)	89	(0)	9	(0)	269	(0)
M J Thursfield (390)	67	(0)	5	(0)	167	(0)
H R J Trump (391)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
A J Tudor (392)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P C R Tufnell (393)	117	(0)	38	(0)	877	(0)
S D Udal (394)	267	(0)	20	(0)	667	(0)
A P van Troost (395)	11	(0)	3	(0)	71	(0)
C A Walsh (396)	45	(0)	26	(0)	565	(0)
A Walker (397)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A E Warner (398)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
S L Watkin (399)	57	(0)	32	(0)	697	(0)
Waqar Younis (400)	0	(0)	5	(0)	100	(0)
N F Williams (401)	108	(0)	11	(0)	328	(0)
J Wood (402)	23	(0)	19	(0)	403	(0)
T N Wren (403)	15	(0)	2	(0)	55	(0)
G Yates (404)	5	(0)	0	(0)	5	(0)

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders. ☐ *Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record*

SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series
Warwickshire v Pakistanis

EDGBASTON (first day of three, Pakistanis won toss): Warwickshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 198 runs behind the Pakistanis

PAKISTANIS: First innings
*Aamir Sohail lbw b Welch 30
Saeed Anwar c Burns b Brown 131
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Brown 10
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Burns b Altree 51
Salim Malik lbw b Brown 0
Asif Mujtaba c Ostler b Welch 38
†Moin Khan lbw b Altree 0
Mushtaq Ahmed c Knight b Welch 18
Waqar Younis b Giles 0
Ata-ur-Rehman b Giles 0
Mohammad Akram not out 0
Extras (lb 3, nb 16) 19
Total 297
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-93, 3-222, 4-222, 5-244, 6-244, 7-293, 8-293, 9-293.
BOWLING: Altree 15-0-72-2; Munton 18-5-46-0; Brown 21-4-86-3; Welch 14.4-2-58-3; Smith 3-0-30-0; Giles 4-3-2-2.

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings
N V Knight not out 42
A Singh c Anwar b Mohammed 4
†M Burns c Moin b Mushtaq Ahmed 36
A F Giles not out 14
Extras (b 1, lb 2) 3
Total (2 wkts) 99
N M K Smith, D P Ostler, T L Penney, D R Brown, G Welch, *T A Munton and D A Altree to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-89.
BOWLING: Waqar 3-1-8-0; Mohammed 7-1-27-1; Ata 6-1-33-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 6-1-22-1; Sohail 1-0-6-0.
Umpires: J W Holder and P Willey.

Tour match
Glamorgan v South Africa A

CARDIFF (first day of three: South Africa A won toss): Glamorgan, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 250 runs behind South Africa A

SOUTH AFRICA A: First innings
S G Koenig lbw b Watkin 0
G F J Liebenberg c Shaw b Parkin 33
J H Kallis c Shaw b Watkin 2
H D Ackerman st Shaw b Barwick 99
*J B Commins lbw b Parkin 0
D N Crookes b Parkin 105
†N Pothas c Dale b Hemp 64
N Boje c James b Hemp 35
L Klusener not out 4
P R Adams b Hemp 0
B N Schultz c Watkin b Barwick 3
Extras (b 5, lb 1, w 1, nb 4) 11
Total 346
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-16, 3-41, 4-41, 5-221, 6-277, 7-332, 8-337, 9-337.
BOWLING: Watkin 15-3-52-2; Gibson 11-0-49-0; Parkin 14-1-69-3; Barwick 25.4-4-81-2; Kendrick 10-1-66-0; Hemp 6-1-23-3.

GLAMORGAN: First innings
S P James c Pothas b Klusener 14
A W Evans lbw b Klusener 21
D L Hemp c Pothas b Kallis 12
A Dale not out 26
*P A Cottey c Pothas b Kallis 4
†A D Shaw c Pothas b Kallis 11
O D Gibson not out 0
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 6) 8
Total (5 wkts) 96
N M Kendrick, S L Watkin, O T Parkin and S R Barwick to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-44, 3-59, 4-71, 5-95.
BOWLING: Schultz 4-0-30-0; Klusener 6-1-39-2; Kallis 6-2-14-3; Adams 4-0-12-0.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty

Costcutter Cup
Durham v Gloucestershire

HARROGATE (Gloucestershire won toss): Durham beat Gloucestershire by four wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
M G N Windows c Longley b Betts 72
A J Wright c and b Cox 36
T H C Hancock b Bainbridge 21
M A Lynch not out 63
A Symonds c Ligertwood b Betts 1
*M W Alleyne lbw b Walker 0
R I Dawson c Roseberry b Betts 5
M C J Ball c Bainbridge b Killeen 17
†R C J Williams not out 14
Extras (lb 10, w 4, nb 6) 20
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs) 249
J Lewis and J M M Averis did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-127, 3-175, 4-178, 5-179, 6-192, 7-230.
BOWLING: Killeen 11-0-53-1; Betts 11-1-47-3; Cox 11-0-34-1; Bainbridge 11-1-38-1; Walker 11-0-67-1.

DURHAM
S L Campbell b Symonds 56
S Hutton not out 105
P D Collingwood run out 10
J I Longley c Lynch b Lewis 12
*M A Roseberry c and b Symonds 5
P Bainbridge c Alleyne b Averis 29
†D G C Ligertwood c Averis b Alleyne 4
M M Betts not out 12
Extras (lb 10, w 9) 19
Total (6 wkts, 53.2 overs) 252
D M Cox, N Killeen and A Walker did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-95, 2-117, 3-149, 4-154, 5-216, 6-238.
BOWLING: Lewis 10-0-47-1; Averis 11-0-62-1; Ball 11-0-39-0; Symonds 11-0-43-2; Alleyne 10.2-0-51-1.
Umpires: J D Bond and A Clarkson
Man-of-the-match: S Hutton

CYCLING: RIIS STRENGTHENS GRIP ON TOUR DE FRANCE AS RIVAL FADES ON HOME GROUND

Induráin's chance expires in mountains

By Peter Bryan

AFTER a punishing day of climbing in the Pyrenees, with temperatures in the thirties and the tar on the roads turning almost liquid, Miguel Induráin now knows that whatever happens to the overall lead of the Tour de France between today and the finish in Paris on Sunday, he cannot hope to win the race for the sixth year in succession.

On yesterday's seventeenth stage of 262km from Argeles-Gazost, which the 143 survivors at the start knew would mean more than seven hours in the saddle, Induráin was faced with making up or at least reducing Bjarne Riis's lead of 7min 03sec on a marathon that would take him past his parents' farm only six kilometres from the finish in Pamplona.

It turned out to be a mission impossible for the Spaniard, who saw his Tour hopes disappear in the high mountains that have been his training ground for the last 12 years.

Riis, winner of the previous day's stage with its mountain-top finish at Lourdes-Hautacam, was again the architect of further embarrassment to Induráin, driving a breakaway group of eight towards the finish line. His only disappointment of the day was to finish second, half a wheel's length behind Laurent Dufaux, of Switzerland. The pair battled out the final two kilometres through the streets packed with spectators hoping to see Induráin being at the front.

Riis made four attacks on Dufaux as the pair left their original six companions struggling behind, spent from their rollercoaster day in the mountains. Indeed, the Dane's show of strength at the end was amazing. Long before the finish, he had drilled the group into a cohesive working squad, each rider taking a mere five or six seconds on the front before relaying ahead the man behind. All would benefit if they could stay clear and relegate riders of the quality of Tony Rominger, Evgeni Berzin and, of course, Induráin.

The plan worked. At the end of the stage, Riis had increased his overall lead over Jan Ullrich, a Telekom team colleague and a generous worker in the defence of his captain, and put more time between himself and Roger Virenque, the leader of the King of the Mountain's classification.

Most important of all was the time lost by his earlier challengers, Abraham Olano, who dropped from second at 2min 42sec to ninth, 11min 12sec behind, and Rominger, third before the start and still a danger at 2min 54sec, but now tenth and 11min 24sec in arrears.

Neil Stephens, of Australia, had sparked off much of the day's action, deciding that his group of three that had gone into an early lead were not going fast enough. He bade his farewell to them close to the summit of the Soudet, a peak rising to 1,500 metres.

On a breathtaking descent, Stephens found the road blocked by Basque demonstrators, some of whom avoided a police cordon. Stephens appeared to be jostled and must have lost at least 15 seconds, but, once he remounted, he remained in the lead for another ten minutes before Riis and company came storming up and swept past him.

Riis lost a little time, too, with mechanical trouble. As he rode alongside his team car, a mechanic tried to prise away something lodged between the gear sprockets. Riis was still not happy and came to a halt to allow the fault to be cleared properly.

Virenque was another of the leaders who had to stop. The Frenchman suffered a rear puncture, but wisely delayed a wheel change until he was over the summit of a climb to aid a speedy return to the leaders.

At one point halfway through the race, the chasing group, which included Induráin, Rominger and Olano, started to chip away at the leaders' advantage, reducing it to 3min 25sec, but by the final hour their enthusiasm and energy had disappeared.

Induráin struggles in what he had hoped would be a triumphant stage across the Pyrenees yesterday

TOUR DETAILS

SEVENTEENTH STAGE (262km, Argeles-Gazost to Pamplona): 1, L Dufaux (Switz, Festina) 7hr 7min 8sec; 2, B Riis (Den, Telekom) same time; 3, R Virenque (Fr, Festina) at 20sec; 4, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom); 5, L Leblanc (Fr, Polti); 6, P Ugrumov (Russ, Roslotto); 7, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme); 8, P Luttenberger (Austria, Carrera) all same time; 9, M Lelli (It, Saeco) 8min 28sec; 10, P Savoldelli (It, Roslotto); 11, N Stephens (Aus, ONCE) all same time; 12, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei) 8:30; 13, M F Gines (Sp, Mapei); 14, B Hamburger (Den, TVM); 15, G Guerini (It, Polti); 16, P Jonker (Aus, ONCE); 17, L Brochard (Fr, Festina); 18, M Bartoli (It, MG-Technogym); 19, M Indurain (Sp, Banesto); 20, A Elli (Ita, MG-Technogym) all same time; 106, C Boardman (GB, GAN) 45:07. Overall positions: 1, Riis 81hr 15min 34sec; 2, Ullrich at 3min 59sec; 3, Virenque 4:25; 4, Dufaux 5:52; 5, Luttenberger 6:19; 6, Escartin 7:23; 7, Ugrumov 7:48; 8, Leblanc 8:01; 9, A Olano (Sp, Mapei) 11:12; 10, Rominger 11:24; 11, Indurain 15:38; 12, Hamburger 19:18; 13, Leonardo Piepoli (Ita, Refin) 19:31; 14, Gines 21:37; 15, U Bolts (Ger, Telekom) 23:05; 16, Brochard 31:32; 17, Jonker 33:03; 18, Elli 37:15; 19, Y Berzin (Russ, Gewiss) 37:22; 20, V Ekimov (Russ, Rabobank) 42:10; 41, Boardman 1hr 27min 33sec. Points classification: 1, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom) 265pts; 2, F Moncassin (Fr, GAN) 208; 3, F Baldato (It, MG-Technogym) 186; 4, D Abdujaparov (Uzb, Refin) 149; 5, Riis 127. King of the Mountains: 1, Virenque 383; 2, Riis 274; 3, Dufaux 176; 4, Brochard 163; 5, Leblanc 158. Team: 1, Festina 244hr 12min 16sec; 2, Telekom at 33sec; 3, Mapei 16min 20sec; 4, Roslotto 57:52; 5, ONCE 1hr 14min 7sec.

TODAY: Eighteenth stage (226.5km, Pamplona to Hendaye)

RUGBY UNION

Four home countries meet over TV deal

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

OFFICERS of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) agreed yesterday that they will meet their opposite numbers from Scotland, Ireland and Wales next Tuesday in an attempt to resolve the argument which threatens England's place in the five nations' championship.

At the same time, however, there was a warning from the senior English clubs that BSkyB, with whom the RFU has arrived at a controversial broadcasting agreement, may withdraw if the existing £87.5 million deal is undermined. "We are alarmed at the possibility that Sky might pull out, and all English rugby should be, too," Donald Kerr, chairman of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (EPRUC) said.

John Richardson, the RFU president, will lead his union's team next Tuesday but his colleagues are a potentially combustible unit composed of Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the executive committee, John Jeavons-Fellows, defeated by Brittle for the chairmanship in January, and Colin Herridge, the new RFU treasurer and a signatory to the agreement with Sky (which is part owned by News International, owners of *The Times*).

England also face the suspension of the planned Anglo-Welsh tournament next season unless a joint television sponsorship package can be agreed between the two countries. Some see this dispute as England's opportunity to establish regular playing links with the southern hemisphere and, despite noises to the contrary, insist that New Zealand, Australia and South Africa would welcome a global tournament.

☐ Richard Webster is expected to join Bath from Salford rugby league club for £40,000.

IN BRIEF

Platt signs two-year deal with Salford

SALFORD have signed Andy Platt, the Great Britain rugby league international, from Auckland Warriors on a two-year contract. Auckland were keen to keep Platt, 32, who moved to Australia two years ago after spells with St Helens and Wigan. "He is playing better than ever and will be a great asset, on and off the field," Andy Gregory, the Salford manager, said.

Andrew Patmore, Oldham's Australian centre, has played his last game for the club, although his contract runs until the end of next season. He has a serious groin injury and is to return to Sydney.

Out of order

Tennis: The top seed, Chris Wilkinson, from Southampton, won his first-round match in the Manchester Challenger, in Didsbury, when his Romanian opponent, Gabriel Trifu, was disqualified after lashing out at a ball which hit a linesman. Wilkinson, the defending champion, was 6-4, 4-2 ahead when play was halted.

Challenge fades

Squash: Lee Beachill's challenge for the world junior men's championship in Cairo foundered at the quarter-final stage yesterday against the considerable bulk of Egypt's Karim El Mistikawi, who won 1-9, 6-9, 9-6, 9-6, 9-5, fighting back strongly when the Yorkshireman looked a certain winner after taking the first two games.

Back on target

Rifle shooting: The 1990 Army service rifle champion and Queen's Prize winner, Major Angus McLeod, of the First Royal Scots, won the Army target rifle championship at Bisley yesterday, scoring 241 points out of a possible 250.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tetley Challenge Series
11.0, second day of three
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Pakistanis

Tour match
11.0, second day of three
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v South Africa A

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Nottinghamshire
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Derbyshire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Durham
HARROGATE: Yorkshire v Hampshire
11.0, second day of four, 104 overs minimum
GUILDFORD: Surrey v Sussex

FIRST YOUTH ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (10.45, 50 overs): Chester-le-Street: England v New Zealand.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Fenner's: Cambridgeshire v Cumberland; Colwyn Bay: Wales v Devon.
BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire. Welbeck CC: Nottinghamshire v Durham
SCHOOLS MATCH (one day): Lord's: NCA Young Cricketers v Combined Services

FOOTBALL
Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
Uefa Cup
Preliminary round, first leg
Barry v Dinaburg
St Patrick's Ath v S Bratislava (7.45)

OTHER SPORT
GOLF: Open Championship (Royal Lytham and St Annes)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League (7.30 unless stated): Ipswich v Reading, London v Bradford, Middlesbrough v Exeter, Sheffield v Eastbourne (7.45)
ROWING: Doggett's Coat and Badge (London Bridge to Chelsea, 12.15)
TENNIS: Men's tournament (Manchester)

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 3 Montreal 2; Chicago 5 Pittsburgh 10; Los Angeles 1 San Diego 10; Florida 3 Houston 2; Cincinnati 4 St Louis 5, New York 6 Philadelphia 3; Colorado 5 San Francisco 3
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland 12 Seattle 5; Boston 5 New York 9; Baltimore 0 Toronto 6; Kansas City 4 Cleveland 10, Minnesota 2 Chicago 11, Milwaukee 20 Detroit 7, Texas 6 California 2

BOWLS

PRINCES RISBOROUGH: Buckingham championship: Semi-finals: A Price (Gerrards Cross) bt R Gaskins (Chandos Park) 21-10, K Hawes (Ivor Heath) bt D Plater (Aylesbury Town) 21-14. Secretary's Cup: Semi-finals: B Clarke (Molins) bt S Goff (Newport Pagnell) 21-18; M Smith (Denham) bt I Harvey (Marlow) 21-16
EASTBOURNE: Open tournament: Singles: Sixth round: J Ellis bt G Izons 21-4; J Exton bt M Prentice 21-15; J Preston bt B Howis 21-19; C Turrell bt B Miller 21-11; W Letman bt M Letman 21-19; J Hill bt K Woods 21-14, M Place bt H Snow 21-20; S Barton bt E Roberts 21-11. Pairs: Second round: J Browning and D Lee bt D Follett and M Haynes 17-12; K Bailey and K Hopkins bt J Exton and J Birch 18-6; T Saunders and M Wintrip bt S Riggs and J Preston 17-14; F Denman and E Roberts bt J Hanson and F Breach 20-10, H Fagg and T Moss bt S Burden and J Hill 21-12; P Wharford and R Whybrow bt J Searle and B Brown 22-12; R Butler and P Hopkins bt S Hall and D Booth 20-15; A Finlay and R Cummings bt A Bacon and P Creed 16-15, M Biggleston and D Dyer bt A Bishop and J Kent 24-12; R Wentlake and P Crosner bt K Beaney and W Molineux 18-12, L Oliver and C Taylor bt T Rice and A Towner 22-9; V Lyons and J Lambdon bt C Bench and R Spencer 16-15 (after extra end).

BOXING

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey: International Boxing Federation middleweight championship (12rnds): Bernard Hopkins (US, holder) bt Bo James (US) rsc 11th
PRETORIA: World Boxing Union welterweight championship (12rnds): Gary Murray (SA, holder) bt Juan Carlos Villarreal (Arg) pts

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Grantham: Lincolnshire 204-9 and 229 (P A Rawden 85, M A Fell 56, M J Parkinson 5-87). Cumberland 209-6 and 213 (D J Pearson 64, S Knox 52; S Oakes 5-41, A D Towse 4-76). Lincolnshire beat Cumberland by 21 runs. Oswestry: Shropshire 306-5 (Asif Din 129, K Sharp 66) Berkshire 249 (G E Loveday 56). Match drawn. High Wycombe: first day of two: Buckinghamshire 343-6 (N D Burns 88, J C [illegible]

[illegible]

Group A	P	W	L	Pts
Holland	2	2	0	4
England NCA	2	1	1	2
Scotland	2	1	1	2
Israel	2	0	2	0

Group B	P	W	L	Pts
Ireland	2	2	0	4
Denmark	2	1	1	2
Gibraltar	2	1	1	2
Italy	2	0	2	0

CYCLING

GRIMSBY: Simpson Timbers 10-mile time-trial (promoted by Lindsey RCC): 1, I Dalton 21min 39sec; 2, E Woollock 21 48; 3, A Moore 21 55. Veteran: C Hanson. Junior: A Porter. Women: S Tomlinson

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCH: Shelbourne 4 Aberdeen 2

POLO

COWDRAY PARK: Veuve Clicquot British Open championships: Royal Pahang 10 Alcatel 9. Teams: Royal Pahang: 1, Prince Abdullah (2); 2, T Llorente (9); 3, H Hipwood (9), back, J McLeavy (3). Alcatel: 1, O Hipwood (3); 2, H Llorente/J Donoso (7/8), 3, G Donoso (8); back, T Southwell (3)

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: Army Target Championships: Overall championship (Regular Army): 1, Major A McLeod (Royal Scots) 241.25pts; 2, Maj T Lehmann (Duke of Wellington's) 240.28; 3, Maj P Heyburn (7 R Irish) 239.31. Bisley Cup (Short Range - serving and retired): 1, WOII P Oulham (RE) 147.19; 2, McLeod 147.16; 3, S Davis (ATRC) 146.22. Wood Cup (Long Range - serving and retired): 1, Heyburn 96.10; 2, Lt Col D Cooper (Retd) 94.12; 3, Sgt R Martin (3 R Irish) 94.10. NRA Imperial meeting: Tribe Memorial Trophy (Match Rifle): 1, J McAllister (NRCS) 335.38; 2, J Pack (English VIII) 335.30; 3, C Law (LPSC) 330.30. Marling Cup (School teams): 1, Sedbergh 316; 2, Epsom 280, equal 3, RGS Guildford and Tonbridge 275.

SQUASH

CAIRO: World junior men's championship (selected results): Fourth round: J Russell (Eng) bt Amjad Khan (Pak) 9-7, 5-9, 5-9, 10-9, 9-7; Ong Beng Hee (Mal) bt D Parent (Can) 9-6, 9-2, 9-4; S Razik (Can) bt P Yik (Can) 9-3, 9-6, 9-7; S Boswell (Aus) bt M Hussain (Pak) 9-4, 9-6, 9-2; A Shabana (Egypt) bt K Shuja (Pak) 9-5, 9-6, 9-4; K El Mistikawi (Egypt) bt L Harms (Swi) 9-4, 9-4, 9-5; A Fatzy (Egypt) bt R Bartel (Ger) 9-4, 9-2, 9-5; L Beachill (Eng) bt S Galifi (Fr) 9-3, 9-3, 10-8. Quarter-finals: Hee bt Razik 9-1, 5-9, 10-8, 9-6; Boswell bt Shabana 9-4, 9-5, 9-3; El Mistikawi bt Beachill 1-9, 6-9, 9-6, 9-6, 9-5.

RUGBY UNION

STUDENT WORLD CUP: Semi-final: South Africa 33 Scotland 31 (in Johannesburg)

TENNIS

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: Second round: C Moya (Sp) bt S Schalken (Hol) 6-3, 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt J Krocsko (Hun) 6-4, 6-4; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt F Dewulf (Bel) 6-1, 6-3; A Corretja (Sp) bt H Dreekmann (Ger) 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; T Muster (Austria) bt M Gomez (Sp) 7-6, 7-6.
MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's tournament (US unless stated): First round: K Hunt (Aus) bt S Stafford 6-4, 6-1; M Carlisle-White bt Kathy Rinaldi-Stunkel 6-4, 0-6, 6-3; A Leiters bt K Phebus 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; K Maleeva (Bul) bt T Green 6-3, 1-6, 6-4; A Basica bt R Nideffer 7-5, 6-1; H Sukova (Cz) bt J Ingram 1-6, 7-6, 6-4; L Raymond bt S Chi 6-2, 6-1.
FRINTON: LTA women's satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Second round: S-A Siddall bt K Roubanova 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; A Briegel (Ger) bt M Marsina (Russ) 6-2, 6-1; P Nelson (US) bt A Kurimay (Hun) 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; H Crook bt J Dawson 6-4, 6-2; S Indemini (It) bt M Malhotra (India) 6-4, 6-3

POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance 21pts £30,241.65; 20 £202.15; 19 £15.10; 18 £3.45; 17 £1.00. Four draws, £243. Ten homes: £83.25. Six aways: Pool void — see Rule 9(f). Stakes will be used in payment in full or in part of client's next entries.
VERNONS: Treble chance 21pts £10,969.55; 20 £190.50; 19 £11.00; 18 £2.50. Twelve homes: £13.10. Ten aways: void, stakes may be used in payments: next entries.
ZETTERS: Treble chance 21pts £2,021.10; 20 £16.50; 19 £2.10. Four draws, £302.40. Eight homes £3.40. Six aways £0.60. Lucky no: 38 19 5 2 33 10

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This hand is from the 1995 Cavendish Invitational Pairs, the big-money auction event held in New York every May.

Dealer West — Love all — IMPs

North: ♠J32 ♥K107 ♦K86 ♣K753

West: ♠AK84 ♥96 ♦Q10942 ♣Q2

East: ♠Q10976 ♥A5 ♦75 ♣J986

South: ♠5 ♥QJ8432 ♦AJ3 ♣A104

W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	Pass	1H
Pass	2H	Pass	3H(1)
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: ace of spades

(1) A mild invitation on the North-South methods — most British tournament players would intend the bid to be entirely pre-emptive.

The hand demonstrates a simple point of technique. It looks as though the contract will make if the clubs are worth three tricks or if the queen of diamonds is with East. But the declarer, Robb Gordon, found an extra chance. He ruffed the second spade and played a heart; East won and exited with his last heart. Declarer won in dummy and ruffed dummy's last spade. He then played a club to the king and returned a club to his ten. When West took the queen, he had to open up the diamonds or concede a ruff and discard.

The inferior line is to play ace, king and another club. East wins the third club and plays a fourth round, and now West eventually makes the queen of diamonds. The point to note is that it is not necessary to play off the ace and king on the first two rounds of the suit. If the suit is three-three, ducking the second round doesn't cost.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Sicilian slaughter

In recent tournaments the Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik has turned the Richter Rauzer variation of the Sicilian Defence into a devastating weapon. In the Dortmund tournament, where he tied for first prize, Kramnik sacrificed rook for knight against the leading German grandmaster Robert Hubner. Hubner resigned when his king had become too exposed to survive.

White: Robert Hubner
Black: Vladimir Kramnik
Dortmund, July 1996

Sicilian Defence

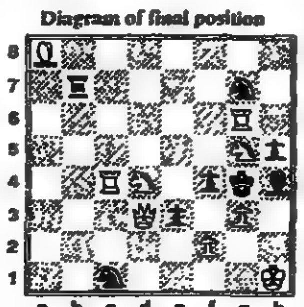
	White	Black
1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	Nc6
6	Bg5	e6
7	Qd2	a6
8	0-0-0	h6
9	Be3	Be7
10	f4	Nxd4
11	Bxd4	b5
12	Bd3	b4
13	Ne2	Qa5
14	Kb1	e5
15	Be3	0-0
16	Rhe1	Rb8
17	Nc1	Rd8
18	Ba7	Rb7
19	Bg1	Bg4
20	Nb3	Qa4
21	Rc1	exf4
22	Qxf4	Be6
23	Bd4	Rb5
24	Qd2	Ng4
25	c4	bxc3
26	bxc3	Rxb3+
27	axb3	Bxb3

White resigns

Prize puzzle

The following position is the opening puzzle for the 1996 British Chess Solving Championship. The problem is White to play and mate in two moves against any Black defence.

Diagram of final position



Those wishing to enter should send a cheque or postal order for £3 to cover administrative expenses with their entry which should consist of White's first move only to: British Chess Problem Society, 9 Roydfield Drive, Waterthorpe, Sheffield S19 6ND.

Entrants should enclose an SAE so that they can be notified if they have reached the second, postal stage of the championship.

Over the past few years more readers have entered from *The Times* than from any other UK newspaper. Please, therefore, mention that you are entering via *The Times* when you send in your answer. The championship is only open to UK residents. The closing date is July 31.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FEAK
a. A pickpocket
b. To wipe the beak
c. Strong

GRANGERIZE
a. To illustrate
b. To open up free range
c. Opaliferous quartz

GENIPAP
a. A female Djinn
b. A grandfather
c. A sort of orange

GRUE
a. A heron
b. A chimneysweep
c. A Cheshire oatcake

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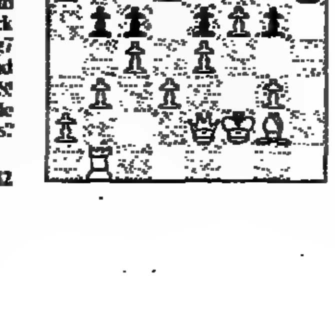
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Sevo — Jakupec, Zagreb 1992. White has sacrificed a rook to open the h-file against the black king. Tempting now is 1 Rh1+ Kg7 2 Qh5, but then Black can defend with the accurate move 2 ... Rg8! White needs his attack to be a little quicker. How can he arrange this?



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RACING: BAHHARE AND SAHM GIVE ARUNDEL TRAINER STRONG HAND IN JUVENILE HIERARCHY

Dunlop's colts show early promise

By Julian Muscat

JULY traditionally marks the establishment of a juvenile hierarchy. The picture is razor sharp in the fillies' division, with Dazzle already ensconsed a warm favourite for next year's 1,000 Guineas. As for the colts, John Dunlop, the Arundel trainer, appears to hold the strongest hand.

His Bahhare disputes 2,000 Guineas favouritism after his debut victory at Newmarket's July meeting last week. A half-brother to the stable's champion miler, Bahri, Bahhare took the same maiden annexed by Alhaarth 12 months ago.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FLIGHT MASTER (2.00 Bath)
Next best: Debutante Days (4.30 Bath)

Alhaarth subsequently triumphed in the Champagne Stakes at Goodwood but Dunlop has another colt earmarked for the seven-furlong test on August 1.

That is Sahm, a son of Mr Prospector and Salsabil, who is unbeaten in two starts. Bahhare is to be saved for the Hero Conditions Stakes over seven furlongs at Newmarket the following day. All of which suggests Sahm is the more precocious. "I suppose Sahm does has a bit more speed," Dunlop said. "Otherwise it is totally impossible to compare them. I will leave it to journalists to decide which is the better."

Mercifully, no pronouncements are necessary at this early stage. Bahhare's debut certainly attracted more attention but Sahm has won his combined starts by a total of 14 lengths. Against that, he has beaten just four opponents in two outings, both at York.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Mister O'Grady, right, wears down Autumn Cover to capture the Computer Timeform Handicap by a neck at Sandown yesterday

Another juvenile aiming for the heights is the Ian Balding-trained Seebe, who made an impressive winning debut in the Timeform Racecard Maiden Stakes at Sandown yesterday. "I was thinking about the Molecomb Stakes in two weeks," Balding said, "but Michael Hills [who rode the filly] thinks she needs more experience. We might skip Goodwood, find a conditions race and then aim for the Lowther Stakes."

Hills reported that Pentire, his mount in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes a week on Saturday, is in excellent health. He said Pentire now looks a different horse from the one which contested the Eclipse Stakes. "He has taken that race well and I'm very happy with him," the jockey said. Hills, who rode Shaamit to his Derby triumph, is staying loyal to Pentire; Pat Eddery will ride the Epsom winner at Ascot.

A preference for the Keeneland July Selected Yearling Sales in Kentucky meant that Prince Fahd Salman missed the victory of his Isle Of Man at Sandown yesterday. While the colt proved too strong for his ten opponents, prices at Keeneland proved largely too strong for Salman. "The horses are too expensive," he said from Kentucky. "You have to be sensible when it comes to buying horses."

Sensible is hardly the word to describe trade at Keeneland, where 167 yearlings changed hands at an average price of $349,880. The average jumped 41.6 per cent on returns of 12 months ago, principally on account of widespread purchasing by Japanese owners. They accounted for some $14 million of the $58.5 million spent over two frenzied days.

Fusao Sekiguchi, president of Meitec Corp, a Tokyo-based computer software company, cornered all the headlines. He purchased the most expensive lot, a $1.7 million colt by Storm Cat. In all, Sekiguchi laid out $5.55 million on seven yearlings.

Irish bloodstock agent Demi O'Byrne, acting principally for the Michael Tabor-John Magnier alliance, picked up ten yearlings costing $6.825 million. But the Maktoum family kept a low profile.

Sheikh Mohammed's Darley Stud Management spent $2.545 million on six yearlings but Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Stud was conspicuous by its absence among the buyers. British breeders will be hoping that Japanese enthusiasm carries through to the Tattersalls Houghton Sales in October.

BATH

THUNDERER
2.00 Flight Master. 2.30 Saleemah. 3.00 Mindrace. 3.30 TAFAHHUS (nap). 4.00 Tumbleweed Pearl. 4.30 Debutante Days.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 TUMBLEWEED PEARL.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 good TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: FIRM DRAW 5F-1M LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 WHITE HORSE SELLING STAKES
(£2,192: 1m 3l 144yd) (7 runners)

1 (5) 335122 DURHAM 10 (G,BF,F) (Secret Partners) R Simpson 5-9-2 Aimee Cook (5) 93
2 (6) 1-336-60 FLIGHT MASTER 17 (F) (Mrs P Mason) P Mason 4-9-2 S Sanders 97
3 (3) 624-000 KAMA SIMBA 17 (BF) (Town and Country Tyres) J White 4-9-2 T Quinn 84
4 (1) 0- LOST REALM 269 (M Meade) M Meade 4-9-2 R Perham —
5 (4) 455134 SCOTTISH PARK 5 (B,F,G,S) (M Pipe Racing) M Pipe 7-9-2 [illegible] 93
6 (7) 505-420 TRADE WIND 6 (V,C,F,G) (G Roberts) J O'Shea 5-9-2 V Slattery [illegible]
7 (2) 0/00-35 SIESTA TIME 17 (M Long) C Popham 6-8-11 J Reid 92

BETTING: 5-2 Scottish Park, 3-1 Flight Master, 7-2 Durham, 4-1 Trade Wind, 7-1 Siesta Time, 10-1 Kama Simba, 66-1 Lost Realm.

1995: EXCELLED 6-9-4 R Hughes (2-1) C Drew 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DURHAM 1/2l 2nd of 15 to Dots Dee in handicap here (1m 5f, good to firm). FLIGHT MASTER 6l 5th of 14 to Game Ploy at Windsor (1m 2f, good). KAMA SIMBA 14l 11th of 21 to Delight Of Dawn at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm). LOST REALM 44l 7th of 11 to High Patriarch in maiden at Lingfield (1m 6f, good). SCOTTISH PARK best recent effort beat Rehaab to Brighton 1/2l in 15-runner race at Leicester (1m, good to firm). TRADE WIND 2¼l 2nd of 7 to Prony Dancer at Haydock (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. SIESTA TIME about 3l 5th of 15 to Total Rach at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm) with KAMA SIMBA 5¾l 4th. Selection: SIESTA TIME

2.30 JAMES & COWPER MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,805: 1m 5yd) (3 runners)

1 (1) REHAAB (A Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-9 M Roberts —
2 (2) 6342 SALEEMAH 14 (BF) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-9 W Carson [illegible]
3 (1) 45 TABL 44 (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-9 R Hills [illegible]

BETTING: Evens Saleemah, 6-4 Rehaab, 5-1 Tabl

1995: SEJAAL 9-0 W Carson (1-6 fav) J Dunlop 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

SALEEMAH 1l 2nd to Rivers Magic in maiden at Haydock (7f, good to soft). TABL 20l 5th to Skillington in maiden at Pontefract (1¼m, firm). Selection: SALEEMAH

3.00 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,503: 5f 11yd) (8 runners)

1 (1) 6-60102 RUSHCUTTER BAY 20 (V,D,F) (Treasure Seekers) T Clement 9-7 Dane O'Neill (3) 91
2 (6) 055452 WHITE EMIR 9 (B,D,F,S) (Three Bears) B Meehan 8-13 J Reid [illegible]
3 (5) 0-02100 SHARP PEARL 15 (B,D,F) (D Yardy) J White 8-8 T Quinn 95
4 (2) 2-10103 TOTAL ALOOF 20 (CD,F,G) (Total Bloodstock) W Haggas 8-6 M Hills 93
5 (3) 5032-15 STEP ON DEGAS 21 (V,D,F) (Degas Partners) M F-Godley 7-13 M Henry (3) 93
6 (7) 043013 GWESPYR 6 (D,G) (Lora Mostyn) J Berry 7-10 G Bardwell 98
7 (8) 003124 FAIRY PRINCE 5 (BF,F) (A Stennett) Mrs A King 7-10 N Varley (3) 91
8 (4) 600444 MINDRACE 3 (D Abbott) K Ivory 7-10 Martin Dwyer (6) 92

Long handicap: Gwespyr 7-9, Fairy Prince 7-7, Mindrace 7-5

BETTING: 5-2 White Emir, 7-2 Gwespyr, 4-1 Rushcutter Bay, 9-2 Step On Degas, 6-1 Total Aloof, 10-1 Fairy Prince, 12-1 others

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

RUSHCUTTER BAY 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Ballew in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good). WHITE EMIR 1¾l 2nd of 9 to Wildwood Flower in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good). SHARP PEARL best recent effort beat Gorsfield 2l in 7-runner handicap at Brighton (5f 59yds, firm). TOTAL ALOOF best recent effort beat SHARP PEARL (2lb worse off) 2½l over course and distance. STEP ON DEGAS 3l 5th of 8 to John O'Dreams in handicap at Newbury (5f, good to firm). GWESPYR neck and neck 3rd to U-No-Harry in handicap at Chester (5f, good to firm). FAIRY PRINCE 1¼l 2nd of 10 to Clan Chief in handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start with MINDRACE ½l and short head 4th. MINDRACE 5¾l 4th of 14 to Bowcliffe Grange at Windsor (5f, good to firm). Selection: TOTAL ALOOF

3.30 LONGLEAT CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,670: 5f 11yd) (9 runners)

1 (5) 035030 ASTRAL INVADER 5 (D,F,S) (M Saunders) M Saunders 4-9-8 P P Murphy (5) 80
2 (2) 400000 JOHAYRO 10 (B,D,F) (F Brady) W G M Turner 3-9-4 G Hannon (7) 79
3 (3) 300-006 COLSTON-C 18 (C,F) (J Hill) R Baker 4-9-2 J Reid 91
4 (1) 030046 TAFAHHUS 15 (B,F) (R Newton) M Polglase 4-9-2 M Roberts [illegible]
5 (4) 008555 TOMMY TEMPEST 6 (B,D,G,S) (A White) R Peacock 7-8-11 Dane O'Neill (3) 81
6 (6) 6000-00 WOODLANDS ELECTRIC 10 (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 6-8-11 Jo Hunnam (7) —
7 (8) 535035 MARINO STREET 15 (V) (B Persson) P Evans 3-8-7 T Quinn 92
8 (7) 000002 DEARDAW 10 (Miss D Kerr) M Usher 4-8-6 S Sanders 81
9 (9) 00-00 DAYDREAM ISLAND 18 (R Lawson) R Baker 3-8-4 N Adams —

BETTING: 6-4 Tafahhus, 11-4 Johayro, 5-1 Deardaw, 6-1 Colston-C, 8-1 Marino Street, 10-1 Astral Invader, Tommy Tempest, 12-1 others

1995: PEARL DAWN 5-8-11 J F Egan (15-8 fav) N Chance 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

COLSTON-C 12¼l 6th of 9 to Denbrae in handicap at Chepstow (6f, good to firm) with DAYDREAM ISLAND (12lb worse off) 20l 8th. TAFAHHUS 5½l 6th of 10 to Golden Pond in handicap at Epsom (6f, good to firm). TOMMY TEMPEST 11l 5th of 9 to Palacegate Touch at Lingfield (AW, 5f). MARINO STREET ¾l and head 3rd of 5 to Craigmore at Carlisle (6f, firm). DEARDAW short-head 2nd of 11 to Walk the Beat in apprentice handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with ASTRAL INVADER neck 3rd, TOMMY TEMPEST (2lb better off) 2¾l 5th, WOODLANDS MAGIC (10lb worse off) 7l 7th and JOHAYRO (13lb better off) ½l 8th. Selection: DEARDAW

4.00 AVEBURY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,723: 5f 161yd) (7 runners)

1 (5) 6 ANOKATO 15 (K Ivory) K Ivory 9-0 C Scally (7) —
2 (6) 656 FINE TIMES 49 (Glasgow House Four) C Fairhurst 9-0 J Tate 88
3 (3) LOCHLORE (A Nemazee) Miss K Whitehouse 9-0 S D Williams —
4 (2) 205523 MISS BARCELONA 8 (G Howlett) M Polglase 8-9 M Roberts 88
5 (4) POKER PRINCESS (M Hewitt) M Bell 8-9 M Fenton —
6 (7) 64 STRAT'S QUEST 12 (J Blumenow) D Arbuthnot 8-9 T Quinn 87
7 (1) 4 TUMBLEWEED PEARL 21 (Tumbleweed Partners) B Meehan 8-9 J Reid [illegible]

BETTING: 13-11 Tumbleweed Pearl, 5-2 Poker Princess, 9-2 Fine Times, 12-1 Strat's Quest, 20-1 Miss Barcelona, 25-1 Lochlore, 33-1 Anokato

1995: XENOPHON OF CUNAXA 9-0 W Newnes (5-2) M F-Godley 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANAKATO 14l 6th of 8 to Sambac in maiden at Yarmouth (6f, good to firm). FINE TIMES 4¾l 6th of 15 to Dancing Rocksville at Carlisle (6f, good). MISS BARCELONA 8¾l 3rd of 10 to Secret Combe at Folkestone (6f, good). STRAT'S QUEST 6¾l 4th of 7 to Mi Jamboree at Chepstow (6f, good to firm). TUMBLEWEED PEARL 1¾l 4th of 8 to Fig Tree Drive in maiden at Newbury (6f, good to firm). Selection: TUMBLEWEED PEARL (nap)

4.30 WESTONBIRT FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,149: 1m 2l 46yd) (7 runners)

1 (4) 032151- DEBUTANTE DAYS 101J (D,F,S) (Mrs S Brasher) C Egerton 4-10-0 J Reid 90
2 (7) 013634 RASAYEL 18 (C,D,F,G) (Pimlico Haulage) P Evans 5-9-0 T Quinn 91
3 (1) 0050 KOWTOW 7 (T Barker) M Usher 3-8-12 R Street 80
4 (3) 004056 PRUDENT PET 9 (F,G) (McLain & Roddar) C Fairhurst 4-8-8 J Tate 92
5 (5) 804-000 ROYAL THIMBLE 22 (V,F) (Mrs M Chance) N Chance 5-8-8 Martin Dwyer (5) 85
6 (6) 0-10505 MEG'S MEMORY 10 (CD,G) (Mrs A Veale) John Berry 3-8-8 M Fenton 92
7 (2) 10-1461 HARLEQUIN WALK 8 (B,G) (R O'Sullivan) R O'Sullivan 5-7-10 (5ex) N Varley (3) [illegible]

Long handicap: Harlequin Walk 7-9.

BETTING: 7-4 Debutante Days, 11-4 Harlequin Walk, 7-2 Meg's Memory, 11-2 Rasayel, 10-1 Prudent Pet, 14-1 Kowtow, 50-1 Royal Thimble

1995: AQUA RIGIA 3-9-8 W Newnes (Evens fav) H Candy 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEBUTANTE DAYS beat Mistinguett 2½l in 18-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 2l 120yd, good to soft). RASAYEL 6¾l 4th of 10 to Arabian Heights in amateur handicap at Doncaster (1m 2l 60yd, good to firm). PRUDENT PET 13¾l 6th of 13 to Bubble Wings in handicap at Pontefract (1m, good to firm). MEG'S MEMORY 6l 5th of 6 to Florentino in handicap over course and distance (good to firm). HARLEQUIN WALK beat Tocco Jewel 8l in handicap at Folkestone (1m 1l 149yd, good). Selection: RASAYEL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Thomson Jones	5	12	41.7	M Henry	7	27	25.9
J Berry	11	48	22.9	J Reid	19	182	10.6
J Dunlop	9	46	19.6	T Quinn	27	157	17.2
M Bell	3	18	16.7	R Hills	8	47	17.0
M Pipe	3	23	13.0	G Duffield	7	53	13.2
M Usher	5	46	10.9	S Sanders	4	36	11.1
D Arbuthnot	3	30	10.0	W Carson	6	57	10.5

LEICESTER

THUNDERER
2.15 Palamon. 2.45 I Can't Remember. 3.15 Asterix. 3.45 Summer Risotto. 4.15 Ciracusa. 4.45 Kildee Lad.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Mountain Dream.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.15 MOUNTSORREL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (£2,881: 1m 1f 218yd) (13 runners)

101 (13) 00 PETIT FLORA 10 G Holmes 4-8-2 D McKeown —
102 (4) 2 SUPERMODEL 15J Mrs N Macauley 4-8-2 C Teague (3) 80
103 (1) 00 BEAUCHAMP KNIGHT 62 H Candy 3-8-11 C Rutter 87
104 (3) 50-6 MOUNTAIN DREAM 73 L Cumani 3-8-11 K Darley 87
105 (5) -325 PALAMON 8 R Charlton 3-8-11 T Sprake [illegible]
106 (10) 0500 SEVENTH EDITION 38 D Burchell 3-8-11 S Drowne (3) 80
107 (11) 05 SHARP PROGRESS 34 A Jones 3-8-11 G Carter 79
108 (12) 00 SOTONIAN 19 (B) Mrs L Stubbs 3-8-11 J F Egan —
109 (7) 0 AGDISTIS 19 H Thomson Jones 3-8-6 P Robinson —
110 (9) 00 BLOSSOMVILLE 23 M Jarvis 3-8-6 P Bloomfield 80
111 (2) 6 MEADOW BLUE 9 Miss L Siddall 3-8-6 W J O'Connor —
112 (6) PSP LADY A Jones 3-8-6 M Tebbutt —
113 (6) 0- QUEENS FANCY 240 S Dow 3-8-6 A Daly (5) —

9-4 Palamon, 4-1 Supermodel, 9-2 Mountain Dream, 5-1 Beauchamp Knight, 11-2 Sharp Progress, 10-1 Blossomville, 12-1 Sotonian, Agdistis, 14-1 others.

2.45 SUTTON SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,511: 5f 2yd) (10)

201 (7) 501 I CAN'T REMEMBER 14 (D,S) P Evans 9-2 W J O'Connor 82
202 (1) 6061 EMMAS BREEZE 23 (D,F) C Dwyer 8-11 D Harrison 91
203 (5) SILVER LINING A Jones 8-11 G Carter —
204 (4) 00 ACCOUNTANCY LEADER 37 B Palling 8-6 T Sprake [illegible]
205 (8) 6062 JINGOIST 23 (B,BF) J L Harris 8-6 P Robinson 82
206 (9) 5024 NIGHTINGALE SONG 19 M Meade 8-6 F Norton 94
207 (3) 0 SYLVANIA LIGHTS 7 W Muir 8-6 S Whitworth —
208 (6) 43 TIMELY TOUCH 14 M Emerby 8-6 C Teague (3) —
209 (10) 54 VICKYS DOUBLE 23 J Moore 8-6 J F Egan 82
210 (2) WOODLAND DOVE N Wingrove 8-6 P McCabe (3) —

7-4 Nightingale Song, 9-4 Emmas Breeze, 3-1 I Can't Remember, 8-1 Jingoist, 12-1 Sylvania Lights, 16-1 Vickys Double, Silver Lining, 30-1 others.

3.15 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,988: 7f 9yd) (7)

301 (6) 02F6 WENTBRIDGE LAD 5 (V,D,F,G,S) P Evans 6-12-0 W McLaughlin (4) 96
302 (2) 0106 DELIGHT OF DAWN 16 (CD,F,G) R Strange 4-11-13 J Dewhurst (4) 96
303 (3) 00-0 JUST HARRY 10 (D,F,G) M Ryan 5-11-9 M Emmanuel (4) 90
304 (4) 0001 INDRAPURA 18 (B,D,F,G) M Pipe 4-11-5 M Rimell 91
305 (7) 5120 ASTERIX 10 (B,D,F,G) J Bradley 5-10-7 J Culloty [illegible]
306 (5) 6050 MEZZORAMIO 17 (V,G) K Morgan 4-10-2 R Thornton (4) 94
307 (1) 6043 SPEEDY SNAPS PRIDE 42 (B) P Cundell 4-9-13 J Rees 93

5-2 Indrapura, 3-1 Speedy Snaps Pride, 9-2 Wentbridge Lad, 5-1 Just Harry, 8-1 Delight Of Dawn, Asterix, 10-1 Mezzoramio

3.45 TATTERSALLS AUCTION NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,179: 5f 218yd) (7)

401 (4) 1433 HIL RHAPSODY 10 (C,G) B Palling 9-7 T Sprake 95
402 (7) 41 CAN CAN LADY 12 (D,F) M Johnston 8-8 J Fanning 90
403 (2) 316 MASTERSTROKE 71 (F) B Meehan 8-7 M Tebbutt 94
404 (6) 341 MISTY CAY 31 (D,F) S Dow 8-7 J F Egan 96
405 (5) 0626 BELLAF 5 (B) M W Easterby 8-3 J Quinn 88
406 (1) 0441 SUMMER RISOTTO 12 (D,F) D Haydn Davies 7-13 N Carlisle [illegible]
407 (3) 6003 GRESATRE 52 C Dwyer 7-10 F Norton 98

7-2 Can Can Lady, 4-1 Hil Rhapsody, Misty Cay, 9-2 Summer Risotto, 5-1 Masterstroke, 8-1 Gresatre, 10-1 Bellaf

4.15 APPLEBY CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,786: 1m 3l 183yd) (8)

501 (2) 3030 BAYRAK 12 (D,G,S) M Ryan 6-9-7 A McCarthy (7) 98
502 (7) 0140 WESTMINSTER 20 (V,D,F) M Tompkins 4-9-7 P Robinson [illegible]
503 (1) -005 RUSHEN RAIDER 68 (F) K Hogg 4-9-3 A Daly (5) 84
504 (4) 4233 CIRACUSA 22 J Mackie 4-9-1 J Quinn 96
505 (6) 5200 SCENIC DANCER 33 (C,D,F,G) A Hide 8-8-13 D Harrison 85
506 (3) SOPHIE LOCKETT K Hogg 3-8-4 N Kennedy —
507 (5) 6 SONG FOR JESS 19 F Jordan 3-8-2 A Mackay —
508 (8) 5310 LINDA'S JOY 26 (B,F) M Pipe 3-8-0 T Sprake 95

3-1 Westminster, 7-2 Ciracusa, 4-1 Bayrak, Linda's Joy, 5-1 Rushen Raider, 8-1 Song For Jess, 20-1 Scenic Dancer, 25-1 Sophie Lockett

4.45 BURTON HANDICAP (£3,207: 5f 218yd) (7)

601 (3) 3044 KILDEE LAD 19 (D,F,G) A Jones 6-10-0 G Carter [illegible]
602 (4) 0008 LITTLE IBNR 5 (V,D,F,G) P Evans 5-9-5 W J O'Connor 89
603 (7) 2601 MAID O'CANNIE 14 (B,CD,F,S) M W Easterby 5-9-5 J Quinn 94
604 (5) 4241 CROESO CYNNES 10 (D,G) B Palling 3-9-3 (7ex) T Sprake 96
605 (1) -000 BEAUCHAMP KATE 17 H Candy 3-8-12 C Rutter 90
606 (6) 00-0 SANDRA DEE 7 E Wheeler 4-8-1 A Daly (5) 80
607 (2) 6045 MONKEY ZANTY 62 (D,G) J L Harris 3-8-0 J F Egan 82

2-1 Maid O'Cannie, 5-2 Croeso Cynnes, 4-1 Little Ibnr, 5-1 Kildee Lad, 6-1 Monkey Zanty, 14-1 Beauchamp Kate, 20-1 Sandra Dee

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 9 winners from 43 runners, 20.9%; M Pipe, 5 from 24, 20.8%; H Thomson Jones, 4 from 23, 17.4%; M Jarvis, 5 from 30, 16.7%; M Ryan, 13 from 92, 14.1%; H Candy, 7 from 52, 13.5%.

JOCKEYS: F Lynch, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; C Rutter, 8 from 67, 11.9%; A Mackay, 6 from 59, 10.2%. Only qualifiers.

Blinkered first time

BATH: 2.00 Kama Simba. 3.00 Step On Degas. 4.30 Royal Thimble. REDCAR: 6.45 Members Welcome. 7.15 Newgate Hush. 8.45 Double Dash. LEICESTER: 2.15 Sotonian. 2.45 Jingoist. 3.45 Bellaf. WORCESTER: 7.00 Call The Guv'nor. Sydney Barry. 7.30 Duke Of Dreams. 8.00 Searchlight. 8.30 Morning Blush.

REDCAR

THUNDERER
6.45 Ready Teddy. 7.15 Thatched. 7.45 Dream Of Nurmi. 8.15 Bulsara. 8.45 Dirab. 9.15 Chinensis.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.45 DREAM OF NURMI (nap). 9.15 Chinensis.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.45 JOLLY SAILOR SELLING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,469: 5f) (12 runners)

1 4440 MEMBERS WELCOME 10 (V) J Bradley 9-7 A Eddery (7) 10
2 0650 DOUBLE IMPRESSION 17 J L Harris 9-7 D McKeown 5
3 3011 PENNY PARKES 13 (D,F,G) J Berry 9-5 J Carroll 7
4 0233 READY TEDDY 3 (BF) Miss L Perratt 9-3 K Darley 4
5 560- L A TOUCH 292 (F) C Dwyer 9-2 J Stack 3
6 0030 SUNSET HARBOUR 10 S Kettlewell 8-11 J Fortune 6
7 -042 GOOD TO TALK 17 T Easterby 8-10 M Birch 2
8 0666 SNITCH 17 (V) C Smith 8-6 Dale Gibson 9
9 -063 ORANGE AND BLUE 17 (J,D,G) Miss J Craze 8-4 N Connorton 11
10 0600 HIGHLAND FAWN 12 (D,G) B McMahon 8-4 J Lowe 1
11 4000 WELCOME LU 36 J L Harris 8-2 R Lappin 12
12 0000 SWIFTY NIFTY 24 W Haigh 8-2 D R McCabe 8

3-1 Penny Parkes, 5-1 Orange And Blue, Good To Talk, Ready Teddy, 6-1 Sunset Harbour, 8-1 Members Welcome, Swifty Nifty, 10-1 others.

7.15 FURNITURE FACTORS RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,055: 1m) (19)

1 0500 ACQUITTAL 10 (V,F) A Streeter 4-9-11 R Havlin 5
2 601P BROUGHTON'S PRIDE 45 (D,F) J Eyre 5-9-9 Iona Wands 19
3 0401 GILLING DANCER 12 (D,F) P Calver 3-9-9 D Griffiths 14
4 04-0 MAURANGI 14 (D,F,S) B Murray 5-9-8 K Prendergast (7) 2
5 0440 MISS ZANZIBAR 20 (D,F) R Fahey 4-9-8 R Ffrench (5) 10
6 -214 RETURN TO BRIGHTON 19 (D,F) J Bradley 4-9-7 A Eddery 3
7 0031 HAWWAM 3 (D,F,G,S) E Alston 10-9-7 (5ex) S Drowne 12
8 24-4 LA FILLE DE CIRQUE 27 (D,G) R Williams 4-9-3 F Lynch 8
9 6353 THATCHED 17 (CD,BF,F) R Barr 6-9-2 K Sked (5) 9
10 3240 BRAMBLES WAY 44 Mrs M Reveley 7-9-2 S Copp 11
11 3435 SUMMER VILLA 12 (D,G) J Hetherton 4-9-10 M Baird 13
12 0400 CHIEF'S LADY 13 J Bradley 4-8-10 J Wilkinson (3) 18
13 3125 HOW COULD-I 9 (B,D,BF,F) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-9 C Teague 17
14 6000 LEGAL BRIEF 29 J Wainwright 4-8-8 P Doe (5) 16
15 0004 STEEL SOVEREIGN 12 (C,F) M Dods 5-8-6 J Edmunds (3) 7
16 -000 RAGAZZO 17 (G) J Wainwright 6-8-3 R Mullen (3) 15
17 0400 ONNONOTAGAIN 28 B Murray 4-8-1 R Cody-Boutcher (7) 6
18 -000 NEWGATE HUSH 9 (B) B Murray 4-7-12 C Webb (3) 4
19 0600 NORD LYS 12 B Llewellyn 5-7-10 N Pollard (7) 1

9-2 Hawwam, 5-1 La Fille De Cirque, 11-2 Thatched, 6-1 Gilling Dancer, 7-1 Broughton's Pride, 8-1 Return To Brighton, Brambles Way, 10-1 others.

7.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MERMAID MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,776: 7f) (9) SKY

1 6 DAWAM ALLAIL 19 M Jarvis 9-0 P Robinson 4
2 DREAM OF NURMI D Loder 9-0 D R McCabe 6
3 36 GENERAL'S STAR 17 (BF) M Stoute 9-0 D McKeown 5
4 ITALIAN SYMPHONY M Johnston 9-0 K Darley 3
5 KICKONSUN R Fahey 9-0 M Birch 8
6 0 MON PERFORMER 37 M Camacho 9-0 J Fortune 9
7 STORIES TO TELL H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 7
8 6 LADY MAIL 13 J Eustace 8-9 R Cochrane 1
9 0 SILENT WELLS 17 J Quinn 8-9 J Lowe 2

7-4 Stories To Tell, 5-2 Dream Of Nurmi, 4-1 Italian Symphony, 9-2 General's Star, 7-1 Dawam Allail, 12-1 Lady Mail, 14-1 Kickonsun, 16-1 others.

8.15 RYCROFT COMMERCIAL VEHICLE (£3,737: 1m 2f) (6) SKY

1 4240 FIELD OF VISION 12 (C,F,G,S) Mrs A Swinbank 6-9-10 J Bapple (3) 1
2 6505 VILLEGGIATURA 23 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-1 M Deering 4
3 0112 HIGHSPEED 37 (BF,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 4-8-13 J Fortune 2
4 2414 ALABANG 5 (C,D,F) M Camacho 5-8-13 R Cochrane 3
5 1235 ESSAYEFFSEE 7 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-11 K Darley 5
6 -643 BULSARA 22 (C,D,F) C Fairhurst 4-8-8 D McKeown 6

9-4 Highspeed, 5-2 Bulsara, 11-4 Alabang, 7-1 Essayeffsee, Field Of Vision, 16-1 Villeggiatura.

8.45 GO EVENING RACING WITH THE DAILY TELEGRAPH HANDICAP (£3,743: 2m 4yd) (9) SKY

1 0332 CUTTHROAT KID 14 (V,D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-6 K Darley 9
2 000/ IRISH STAMP 88J (S) F Murphy 7-9-7 D Hayden (7) 3
3 5433 JALCANTO 37 (G) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-4 S Copp (5) 4
4 05/1 ROYAL VACATION 22 (F) G Moore 7-9-4 J Carroll 6
5 5-45 DOUBLE DASH 10 (B,BF) M Johnston 3-8-7 T Williams 1
6 0061 DIRAB 7 (C,F,G) T Barron 3-8-12 (4ex) J Fortune 5
7 1245 IZZA 12 (D,F) W Storey 5-8-6 N Kennedy 2
8 0600 KASHANA 14 W Storey 4-8-5 J Fanning 7
9 0244 MARSAYAS 7 M Camacho 3-7-10 J Quinn 8

11-4 Dirab, 3-1 Royal Vacation, 4-1 Jalcanto, 9-2 Cutthroat Kid, 5-1 Marsayas, 7-1 Izza, 12-1 Double Dash, 14-1 others.

9.15 FARNDALE LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,923: 1m) (4)

1 3251 CHINENSIS 10 (D,G) L Cumani 9-2 O Urbina 3
2 -233 AGENT 160 J Eyre 9-0 D McKeown 2
3 0030 BADGER BAY 19 C Dwyer 8-11 Jo Hunnam (7) 4
4 3340 DISPOL DIAMOND 12 G Oldroyd 8-11 K Darley 1

2-7 Chinensis, 6-1 Agent, 12-1 Badger Bay, Dispol Diamond

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 7 winners from 21 runners, 33.3%; M Stoute, 6 from 27, 22.2%; H Cecil, 7 from 34, 20.6%; J L Harris, 5 from 25, 20.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 51 from 360, 14.2%; T Barron, 11 from 79, 13.9%; L Cumani, 4 from 30, 13.3%.

JOCKEYS: R Cochrane, 8 winners from 37 rides, 21.6%; K Darley, 57 from 273, 20.9%; W Ryan, 16 from 78, 20.5%; P Robinson, 5 from 31, 16.1%; J Stack, 6 from 49, 12.2%; J Quinn, 5 from 41, 12.2%; J Carroll, 14 from 117, 12.0%.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER
6.00 Nordic Crown. 6.30 Shahrani. 7.00 Stapleford Lady. 7.30 Willie Makeit. 8.00 Sigma Wireless. 8.30 The Blue Boy. 9.00 Ultimate Smoothie.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.00 STEVE RHODES BENEFIT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,219: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1 15-3 JENNYELLEN 34 (G) F Murphy 7-12-0 P Carberry
2 -205 SOVEREIGN NICHE 15 (F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-7 D Walsh (3)
3 11-4 NORDIC CROWN 15 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-2 D Bridgwater
4 3F4- YACHT CLUB 227 (D,F) J Eyre 14-11-1 D Pears
5 30-0 MARYJO 21 (G) Miss C Caroe 7-10-10 B Fenton
6 00-6 LIABILITY ORDER 41 (F,S) J Bekett 7-10-10 M Moloney
7 0-U0 SANDFORD THYNE 19 J Dalton 6-10-8 S Wynne
8 6P-P KHAZARI 19 (F,G,S) R Brotherton 8-10-7 L Harvey
9 /00 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 5 (F,G) A Carroll 9-10-5 Miss C Dyson
10 006- COEUR BATTANT 52 (F) R Baker 6-10-3 B Powell
11 043- GORT 52 (G,S) J Harriman 8-10-1 J Pryor (7)
12 30-0 SLIGHTLY SPECIAL 21 Mrs P Grainger 4-10-0 V Slattery
13 /0-5 MYLORDMAYOR 18F (S) P Bowen 9-10-0 R Farrant
14 P00- VEXFORD MODEL 82 V Greenway 6-10-0 W McFarland

7-2 Jennyellen, 4-1 Nordic Crown, 5-1 Sovereign Niche, 6-1 Yacht Club, Gort, 10-1 They All Forgot Me, Maryjo, 12-1 others

6.30 TOM MOODY CAPTAIN'S NOVICES HURDLE (£2,443: 2m) (11)

1 21-4 GENERAL SHIRLEY 16F (D,F) P Hedger 5-11-5 M Richards
2 1 SHAHRANI 27 (D,F) M Pipe 4-11-2 D Bridgwater
3 6- CHANCEY FELLA 48 H Hawes 5-10-12 R Davis
4 4/ CORPORATE IMAGE [illegible] Miss K George 6-10-12 P McLoughlin
5 130- FENWICK'S BROTHER 238 (F) J Eyre 6-10-12 D Pears
6 KETABI 26F R Akehurst 5-10-12 S Ryan (5)
7 0- BACKVIEW 5F B Llewellyn 4-10-9 A P McCoy
8 P- HAND OF STRAW 38F P Murphy 4-10-9 Mr J Culloty (3)
9 SORISKY 22F B Gubby 4-10-9 R Guest
10 6-3 ZINE LANE 26 W Hern 4-10-9 R Farrant
11 ROCKANGE 1868F N Babbage 7-10-7 W Marston

6-4 Shahrani, 4-1 Ketabi, 9-2 Zine Lane, 5-1 General Shirley, 10-1 Fenwick's Brother, 12-1 Chancey Fella, 16-1 others.

7.00 TOM SHERVINGTON STAG HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,796: 2m 4f) (11)

1 P/5 JOHNNY WILL 15 (G) Miss A Embiricos 11-12-0 J Ryan
2 222- HOSTILE WITNESS 52 (F,S) P Hedger 6-11-8 R Dunwoody
3 /23 CALL THE GUV'NOR 29 (B,BF,G) N Henderson 7-11-6 J Osborne
4 P4-5 SYDNEY BARRY 33 (B,F,G) R Buckler 11-11-3 B Powell
5 00-0 BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 29 (G) N Hawke 7-10-12 C Llewellyn
6 004- OZZIE JONES 47 (F) N Babbage 5-10-11 D Bridgwater
7 0P/ CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN 570 (C,G) R Brotherton 8-10-11 L Harvey
8 06-4 STAPLEFORD LADY 19 (F) J Moore 8-10-10 W McFarland
9 B4-5 COAST ALONG 28F (G,S) P Bevan 4-10-10 W Worthington
10 56-0 FIRST CRACK 30 (D,F,G,S) F Jordan 11-10-9 R Farrant
11 /11- RIVA ROCK 20F (D,F) T McGovern 6-10-7 A P McCoy

11-4 Call The Guv'nor, 9-2 Hostile Witness, 5-1 Riva Rock, 7-1 Stapleford Lady, 8-1 Sydney Barry, Ozzie Jones, 10-1 Coast Along, 12-1 others.

7.30 TAYHIRE 10TH ANNIVERSARY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,585: 2m) (9) SKY

1 42-4 FORBETRUL 15 (F,G) D Burchell 7-11-10 D J Burchell
2 64-0 EXCLUSION 19 (F) J Hetherton 7-11-6 R Marley
3 /40- ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 68 (F,G) B Preece 8-11-5 Gary Lyons
4 3-64 DUKE OF DREAMS 19 (B,F) R Baker 6-10-13 B Powell
5 P-P2 WILLIE MAKEIT 19 R Phillips 6-10-13 Mr J Culloty (3)
6 30-U GEORGE LANE 19 (F) F Jordan 8-10-10 R Farrant
7 P46- WARKER FORPLEASURE 50 (F) D McCain 10-10-4 D Walsh (3)
8 53-0 LOFTY DEED 19 (S) W Musson 6-10-2 K Gaule (3)
9 U5-0 BIT OF A DREAM 40 Mrs S Smith 6-10-2 R Guest

3-1 Forgetful, 7-2 Willie Makeit, 6-1 Duke Of Dreams, Exclusion, 10-1 others

8.00 MAN WORCESTER TRUCK NOVICES HURDLE (£2,425: 2m 4f) (13) SKY

1 25-1 SEARCHLIGHT 19 (B,CD,F,G) T Watson 8-11-5 D Bridgwater
2 02-1 SIGMA WIRELESS 29 (CD,F,G) T Forster 7-11-5 S Wynne
3 4-12 BIRTHDAY BOY 21 (V,F) J Jenkins 4-11-2 J Osborne
4 FP-4 MIRAMARE 19 J Dulorres 6-10-12 G Upton
5 POLISH CONSUL 307F W Hern 5-10-12 Mr J Culloty (3)
6 0-04 POSITIVO 15 Miss C Caroe 5-10-12 I Lawrence
7 22-3 PRUSSIA 21 W Clay 5-10-12 A P McCoy
8 0P- STAGE FRIGHT 41F F Murphy 5-10-12 P Carberry
9 R TEETER THE PEETH 15 Miss K George 6-10-12 P McLoughlin
10 0-2 CUBAN NIGHTS 5F B Llewellyn 4-10-9 DOUBTFUL
11 OUR BARNY J Eyre 4-10-9 D Pears
12 8 DICKIES GIRL 29 N Babbage 6-10-7 B Fenton
13 4- GOODNIGHT VIENNA 299 M Sheppard 6-10-7 Mr M Moorwood

3-1 Sigma Wireless, 4-1 Searchlight, 9-2 Birthday Boy, 7-1 Prussia, 8-1 others.

8.30 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£3,058: 2m 7f) (17) SKY

1 6-P2 THE BLUE BOY 6 (B,F,G,S) P Bowen 8-12-0 R Johnson
2 B82- MASSOOD 101 (V,F,G) J Mullins 11-11-8 S Curran
3 42-5 JIM VALENTINE 8 (F,S) D Wintle 10-11-7 W Marston
4 P-P6 HURRYUP 19 (F,S) R Dickin 9-11-4 Mr J Culloty (3)
5 6-54 RUSTY BRIDGE 8 (F) Mrs S Johnson 9-11-2 Mr R Thornton (7)
6 -1PP MORNING BLUSH 15 (B,F,G) M Pipe 6-11-0 D Bridgwater
7 -233 BITACRACK 15 (F,G) J Bitted 9-10-10 L O'Hara
8 3-39 FATHER DOWLING 8 (V,G) G Balding 9-10-10 B Fenton
9 462- EVENING RAIN 52 (F,G,S) R Hodges 10-10-8 R Dunwoody
10 4-40 BRAVO STAR 10F (F,G) P Farrell 11-10-8 R Greene
11 61-4 TANGO'S DELIGHT 28 (G) R Baker 8-10-3 D Leahy
12 -5F5 ARTFUL ARTHUR 19 (G) L Grassick 10-10-1 R Supple
13 4PP- COOL CHARACTER 140 (G) R Buckler 8-10-0 B Powell
14 56P- PALACE YARD 52 (C,F) A Embiricos 14-10-0 Miss A Embiricos
15 /04 REGARDLESS 26 (F,G,S) J Leigh 14-10-0 K Gaule (3)
16 4R5- TURPIN'S GREEN 49 (F,G) J King 13-10-0 J Osborne
17 /8-5 PHARRAGO 19 (S) D Burchell 7-10-0 D J Burchell

5-1 The Blue Boy, 6-1 Massood, 7-1 Rusty Bridge, 8-1 Jim Valentine, 9-1 others

9.00 DURHAM COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,270: 2m) (13)

1 1-11 REGAL GEM 19 (F,G) C Barwell 5-11-13 B Fenton
2 1 ULTIMATE SMOOTHIE 26 (F) M Pipe 4-11-8 D Bridgwater
3 NOBLE ACT N Pordins 5-11-4 Mr J Culloty (3)
4 PRIDEWOOD FUGGLE R Price 6-11-4 A P McCoy
5 COMMANDO DANCER G Roe 4-11-1 Shaun Graham (7)
6 MR LURPAK Mrs M Reveley 4-11-1 P Niven
7 PRINCELY CHARM Mrs P Grainger 4-11-1 D Leahy
8 3 SMART REMARK 19 Miss K George 4-11-1 P McLoughlin
9 8 FINAL SCORE 19 P Farrell 5-10-13 R Greene
10 00 OATS FOR NOTES 8 Miss V Williams 6-10-13 Mr M Rimell
11 0/ WHERES SARAH 433 J O'Shea 6-10-13 Michael Brennan (5)
12 SUMMERWAY LEGEND D Arbuthnot 4-10-10 A Procter
13 TWO HEARTS J Delorse 4-10-10 G Upton

2-1 Ultimate Smoothie, 3-1 Regal Gem, Smart Remark, 6-1 Mr Lurpak, 9-1 others.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm

2.00 (5f 6yd) 1, SEEBE (M Hills, 4-7 fav); 2, Assume (G Duffield, 6-1); 3, Bold Tina (Dane O'Neill, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Hornbeam (4th). 4 ran. 2½l, ½l, 1¾l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £1.80. DF: £2.70. CSF: £3.95

2.35 (7f 16yd) 1, ISLE OF MAN (T Quinn, 11-10 fav); 2, Hindsight (R Cochrane, 5-1); 3, Moon Blast (J Reid, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Captain William (5th), 12 Moonspell, 14 River King, Scarlet Lake (5th), 20 The Green Grey, 33 Blue River (4th), Malcombs Club, 66 Yangtze. 11 ran. 2l, 6l, hd, ½l, nk. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.90, £3.80. DF: £6.90. Trio: £22.40. CSF: £7.42.

3.05 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, MISTER O'GRADY (T Quinn, 7-2); 2, Autumn Cover (D Biggs, 12-1); 3, Ashby Hill (R Cochrane, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Rustic Symbol (5th), 11-2 Whirlaway, 13-2 Harvey White (4th), 12 Premier League, 14 Mentalasanythin, 16 Desert Calm (6th), 25 Braydon Forest. 10 ran. Nk, 1½l, 3½l, ½l, 2l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £3.80; £2.00, £4.30, £2.40. DF: £56.70. Trio: £63.50. CSF: £40.25. Tricast: [illegible]

3.35 (7f 16yd) 1, SYLVAN PRINCESS (Martin Dwyer, 5-1); 2, Orchard Gold (G Bardwell, 4-1); 3, African-Pard (T Quinn, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Dummer Golf Time (5th), 6 Irrepressible (4th), 9 Flying Flowers, 16 Jubilee Place, 20 Moylough Rebel, Young Rose, 25 Sobelove (6th), 33 Justinianus. 11 ran. 1¾l, 1¼l, nk, ¾l, 5l. C Allen at Newmarket. Tote: £5.30; £1.30, £2.10, £3.80. DF: £12.20. Trio: £49.00. CSF: £25.75. Tricast: £251.84.

4.10 (1m 3l 91yd) 1, EVA LUNA (A McGlone, 4-6 fav); 2, Caballus (J Reid, 7-4); 3, Give And Take (D Harrison, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 66 Private Percival (5th), Sylvan Heights (4th). 5 ran. 10l, 10l, 15l, 27l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.40. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.16.

4.40 (5f 6yd) 1, MAGIC MAIL (Martin Dwyer, 14-1); 2, Gone Savage (R Cochrane, 15-2); 3, Malibu Man (J Reid, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Ned's Bonanza, 11-2 Walk The Beat, 6 Judgement Call, 13-2 Superlao (4th), 12 John O'Dreams (6th), 14 Deardaw, Metal Boys, 20 Squire Corrie (5th), 25 Classic Pet. 12 ran. 1l, ¾l, hd, sh hd, 1l. J Eustace at Newmarket. Tote: £14.00; £4.20, £2.70, £2.00. DF: £69.70. Trio: £133.20. CSF: £109.98. Tricast: £613.06. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

Jackpot: £8,138.90 — part won. Pool of £4,699.94 carried forward to Leicester today.

Placepot: £78.40.

Redcar

Going: firm

2.15 (1m 3f) 1, ALMUHTARAM (K Fallon, 5-1); 2, Dancing Destiny (D Wright, 7-1); 3, Forest Fantasy (P Robinson, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Hawkish (4th), 5 Augustan (6th), Sharkashka, 9 Silverdale Knight (5th), 16 Elite Bliss, 25 Islay Brown, 33 Bardia, Never So True. 11 ran. 3½l, 1¾l, ½l, sh hd, 1¾l. Miss G Kelleway at Whitcombe. Tote: £6.80; £2.60, £1.40, £2.80. DF: £35.40. Trio: £433.00 — part won. Pool of £57.09 carried forward to Redcar 7.15 today. CSF: £38.73. Tricast: £284.55.

2.50 (6f) 1, NO MONKEY NUTS (J Carroll, 7-2); 2, Dreams And Schemes (K Fallon, 7-1); 3, Bag And A Bit (F Lynch, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav The Wad (4th), 8 Hotcake, Marjorie Rose (5th), 12 Forecast (6th), 14 Balaleur, 16 April's Joy, 20 Madonna Da Rossi, 25 Mayeemp, 50 Heysong, 66 Clancassie, 100 Packfin. Time Ticks On. 15 ran. 5l, 2½l, hd, ½l, 1¾l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £2.50, £1.40. DF: £39.30. Trio: £28.60. CSF: £31.07.

3.20 (6f) 1, MIDDLE EAST (J Fortune, 9-4 fav); 2, Sharp Monty (F Lynch, 11-4); 3, Montly (K Fallon, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Comic Fantasy (4th), 9 Bee Health Boy (5th), 10 Palface (6th). 6 ran. ¾l, nk, 2l, 2l, 1¾l. T Barron at Thirsk. Tote: £2.80; £1.90, £1.60. DF: £4.00. CSF: £8.98.

3.50 (1m 6f 19yd) 1, SALSKA (L Newton, 2-1 fav); 2, Kindred Greeting (J O'Reilly, 50-1); 3, Kings Cay (K Fallon, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Monaco Gold (4th), 5 The Boozing Brief, 7 Emerald Dancer (5th), 16 Ela Man Howa, 33 Lindisfarne Lady, 50 Don't Cry, Yaakum (6th). 10 ran. 1¾l, 1l, 4l, 2½l, 1¾l. A Streeter at Uttoxeter. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £7.20, £1.50. DF: £110.30. Trio: £158.20. CSF: £70.43. Tricast: £309.23. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

4.25 (1m 2f) 1, ELASHATH (R Hills, Evens fav); 2, Double Up (P Doe, 8-1); 3, Ordained (K Fallon, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Society Girl (6th), 10 Gaddy (4th), Northern Falcon, 16 Cense, 40 Globe Runner (5th), Magical Midnight, 50 Browne's Promise, 66 Mill House Boy. 11 ran. ½l, 2½l, 5l, 1¾l, 1l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £2.70, £1.70. DF: £7.20. Trio: £12.00. CSF: £10.54. Tricast: £32.88.

4.55 (5f) 1, BALLYMOTE (J Carroll, 5-2); 2, What Happened Was (F Norton, 13-8 fav); 3, Balladoole Bajan (T Williams, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Tribal Mischief (5th), 11 Antarac, 14 Super Saint (4th), 25 Risky Flight, 33 Petite Risk, 50 Miss Alice (6th), Stravano. 10 ran. 2½l, ½l, 3l, 1l, nk. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.80. Trio: £3.50. CSF: £7.18.

Placepot: £51.80. Quadpot: £2.00.

Quadpot: £24.80.

Hearing date

WALTER SWINBURN will meet with the Jockey Club's Licensing Committee next Wednesday to discuss the re-issuing of his jockey's licence. The three-time Derby winner has been out of action since suffering broken ribs, a broken shoulder and bruised lungs in a fall at Sha Tin racecourse, Hong Kong, in February. He started riding out in Newmarket at the end of last month and applied for the return of his licence.

Royal Philosopher foiled

ROYAL PHILOSOPHER, trained by John Hills, finished third in the group three Prix Messidor at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday. In a typical French race devoid of early pace, Royal Philosopher made the running under Gerald Mossé but was caught close home by the 64-10 shot, Grey Risk, and Nec Plus Ultra, beaten a head and a short neck.

WORCESTER SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Barwell, 8 winners from 30 runners, 26.7%; M Pipe, 25 from 109, 22.9%; G Balding, 18 from 87, 20.7%; F Murphy, 6 from 32, 18.8%; R Hodges, 5 from 29, 17.2%; R Price, 5 from 30, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 26 winners from 91 rides, 28.6%; A P McCoy, 18 from 82, 22.0%; B Fenton, 4 from 24, 16.7%; C Llewellyn, 18 from 114, 15.8%; R Dunwoody, 30 from 194, 15.5%; J Ryan, 4 from 27, 14.8%.

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GOLF: TORMENTED SCOT CUTS SHORT PRACTICE ROUND AND SEEKS TO REDISCOVER RHYTHM ON EVE OF OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Montgomerie suffers wild mood swing

MICHAEL HENDERSON

At Royal Lytham and St Annes

THE sun beat down ferociously yesterday turning the Fylde coast into a little piece of the Mediterranean, but wherever a large Scotsman roamed there was a not-so-little cloud hanging above his head, threatening to tip its load. By the time Colin Montgomerie aborted his practice round in mid-afternoon he was wrapped in a Scotch mist.

Montgomerie was not disposed to talk about his golf; now there is a tale. Normally he has a quip for every occasion, like Bet Lynch. He spent the afternoon doing his "prep"; there is another tale. When he was meant to be fielding inquiries about his swing he was out on the practice ground, trying to mend it. For an hour and a half he hit balls into the clear blue yonder in an attempt to find the rhythm and touch that are proving elusive. Mentally he might have been back in Carnoustie, where he ended the Scottish Open last week with a round of 81.

Alistair McLean proved a loyal caddie last night. "He will be ready," he said. "There is nobody with a better swing than Colin. It may not be the most beautiful but he has superb timing." We will see. Parliamentary private secretaries say as much about their ministers.

He had all of a day to sort himself out and the signs last night were not encouraging. After Carnoustie he admitted he needed "several days of very hard work to get my swing sorted out", and that remains the position. Bill Ferguson, his coach, watched over him, offering a word here and there, and friends and colleagues came by to share a jest. Even so, Montgomerie's resigned smile suggested he was gripped by that unspecified power that grips sportsmen when they feel least vulnerable and sucks their blood.

The day did not start too badly. He trotted off at a decent hour with Ian Woosnam, Barry Lane and Frank Nobilo, exchanged pleasantries along the way, was seen to smile and signed a few autographs. He looked trim in his red shirt and seemed not too displeased with his golf. It does not take long for his mood to change and by the time this foursome had completed the 15th hole, some three hours later, the practice ground had suddenly developed an irresistible attraction.

Instead of crossing to the 16th hole, he whacked two balls from the 18th tee and strode off towards the clubhouse in a bate. He was not giving autographs by that stage. Though some younger members of a teeming crowd sought his signature, their parents warned against bothering a man at war with himself.

There are, of course, gradations of despair. A plumber who is not enjoying his job can always go for a tea-break, come back and have another go. An accountant who messes up his sums has not got an army of spectators in his office to josh him. It cannot be good for a formidable golfer to underachieve in public, particularly at practice; it must eat at his professional armour. But we should not feel too sorry for him. Others suffer worse things every day and, if he feels really miffed, he can always count his millions.

Millions in the bank, however, and a prominent place in the Order of Merit will never make a great golfer and Montgomerie is not a great golfer, yet.

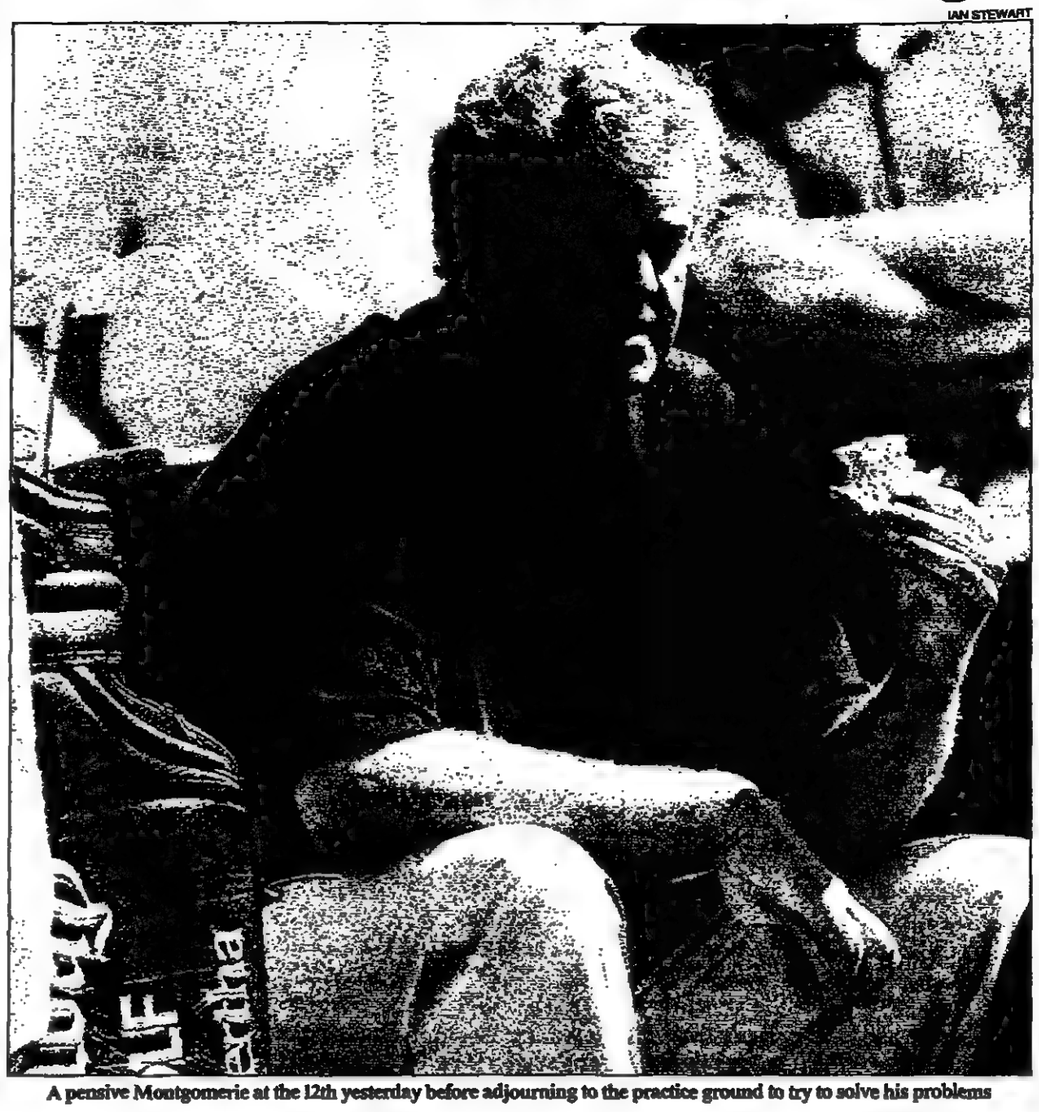
He must be heartily fed up with people wondering whether he will ever win a major championship but his irritation is not going to stop them wondering. The longer he goes without crossing the Rubicon the deeper the river will become and the higher the tide. There are times when Montgomerie sounds as if he is drowning in self-pity.

Nobody can be accepted as a great King Lear if he drops Cordelia in the last act, or thanks Goneril for her hospitality. Nobody can be considered a truly outstanding golfer until he wins a major and such knowledge will eventually devour Montgomerie unless he walks through the fire.

Since Tom Watson won the last of his five Open Championships at Royal Birkdale in 1983 only two Americans have been triumphant. The order has changed and is still changing. Montgomerie must look at the names of those winners and think, "I'm due". He is, right now.

You know what they say about poor dress rehearsals.

IAN STEWART



A pensive Montgomerie at the 12th yesterday before adjourning to the practice ground to try to solve his problems

Lytham's capacity to cope in question

By John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent

COULD the ninth Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes be the last? Massive crowds descended on the Lancashire course yesterday on the last day of practice and if the good weather continues then the record attendance figure of 190,000 at this venue in 1988 seems certain to be smashed.

Spectators were queuing to get into the course before the gates opened and throughout a long, hot day marshals were confounded by the number of spectators.

And therein lies a problem. Certain parts of the course were extremely congested and it may now be that the 126-acre site is not big enough to cope with the twin problems of exceptionally large crowds, brought out by the weather, and the commercial demands of the modern Open. The practice ground, for example, is smaller and narrower than some players expected.

The Open venues are known for the next four years — Royal Troon next year, Royal Birkdale, in 1998, and Carnoustie, in 1999, before it returns to St Andrews, the home of golf, in 2000. Considerations such as space are going to assume great importance when courses to be used from 2001 onwards come up for discussion.

The difficulty at Lytham is a little to do with its size, which is far less than Royal St George's 350 acres, and a little to do with its shape. Lytham is an out and back course with the ninth green at the furthest point from the clubhouse, next to the Ansdell and Fairhaven railway station. Even though the railway line runs down one side of the course, space has proved adequate in the past.

Now, though, the Open may be entering a new phase in its history. The success of European golf whether it is in the Ryder, Walker or Curtis Cups, or individual players such as Nick Faldo in the Masters, is increasing the status of the Open as a spectator attraction.

The total attendance for the four practice days at Lytham has been just under 35,00, which is comparable with the figures for the same days when the Open was last played here.

"Lytham is a very popular venue and very successful," Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, said. "There is no reason to think that the Open would not come back again."

Veterans who inspire generations

Mel Webb feels privileged to be allowed to witness the skills of a famous quartet

THERE they were, four of them, combined ages 228 years and seven months, grizzled veterans all and yet as bright and as bushy-tailed as the tenderest rookies about their golf and the prospect of playing in the greatest of all championships. The cast may change slightly from year to year, but its character and its timeless quality always provides one of the highlights of Open Championship week.

The great match usually takes place on the day before the Championship starts, and there are four inviolate rules: first, that it is a four-ball, second, that it is composed of the good and the great, third, that it should contain Jack Nicklaus, and fourth, that it shall provide a memory for those lucky enough to witness it that will never fade.

The quartet yesterday was composed of, in addition to Nicklaus, Gary Player, Bob Charles and Brian Barnes, who between them have won 28 majors and too many other titles to count. They have also earned enough money to put Croesus on the breadline, but the money is but an incidental, for it is not money that has motivated them all their sporting lives.

Rather, it is power, influence and pride: the power that comes from being important players in, and beyond, their time, the influence they have had on generations of golfers, and the pride they have, rightly, in their own performance.

One is aware, of course, of the passage of time, but it always comes as a small shock to realise that men of this stamp are also growing old. Player is a little stooped now, Nicklaus's face lined by ten thousand days in the sun, Charles's pencil-slim frame even more spare and angular than when he was in his pomp, the ever-sturdy Barnes just a little thicker amidships.

And yet, when they step up to adress a golf ball, the decades slip away like a beggar's cloak and what is left is untouched by the years. Whatever else they may have lost, their swings remain as pure as when they were in their salad days. These are the memories to savour from these people, and to watch them is a rare privilege.

In the small caravan that danced attendance on them on the fairways yesterday were two of Nicklaus's sons, Steve, who was carrying his father's bag, and Gary, who in final qualifying this week so narrowly failed to join Nicklaus Sr in the tournament proper. They must have watched their father play hundreds of rounds, yet even they seemed touched.

The Nicklauses did not come to the match at its beginning; Jack had a niggling pain in his back, so did not join in until the 5th hole. Once there, he took some time to get the back fully mobile, but when he did he was as majestic as he has ever been.

When he was in his pomp Nicklaus had the ability to make the ball seem to explode off his clubhead, and retains it to this day. There is something thrilling about watching the man who is possibly the greatest player in history to hit a golf ball.

There was present in this match the ingredients to make up the definitively perfect golfer. There was the inspired bunker play of Player, the smoothness of the Charles putting stroke, the shot-making skills of Barnes. And Nicklaus? He was just Nicklaus, who at his best did not have a weakness to speak of, and still does not have many.

For four and a half hours they went round the course. You could see the relish in their eyes. They did not want it to stop, and neither did the gallery. They were back where once they had reigned supreme. In their own way, they still do.

Player, left, and Nicklaus get in some practice before the start of the Open Championship at Royal Lytham

Timely reminders of talent that put Lyle in top drawer

By Patricia Davies

THE ball was in a bad lie, in a bunker. The green was 195 yards away, into the wind. "Lay up," the caddie advised. "No, I'll have a go," the player said. He muscled a five-iron onto the green and the caddie was suitably impressed. "I'd forgotten just how talented you are," he said.

If even Roger Morgan, Sandy Lyle's caddie, needed a reminder of the raw talent the Shropshire-born Scot possesses, what about the rest of us? The bookmakers rate Lyle, the former Open and Masters champion, no better than an 80-1 shot to win this year's Open Championship.

In truth, it is little wonder that the affable 38-year-old has been filed under "champions, past". He has not played in the last four Ryder Cup matches, he has not won in the United States since that Masters victory of 1988 and he has not won in Europe since the Volvo Masters of 1992.

However, Lyle tees off in his twentieth Open Championship this afternoon knowing he is coming into form. The demonstration of skill took place at the Murphy's Irish Open two weeks ago when Lyle finished in a tie for seventeenth and he was joint eleventh at the Scottish Open. Even more unusually, he is putting well, with a voguish, long-handled implement. "He's played six competitive rounds with it," Morgan said, "and he's averaging under 30 putts a round."

The resurgence is timely, for the putting will need to be as scorching as the weather predicted for Lytham. Lyle, who has broken 70 only eight times at the Open, reckoned it might take four rounds in the 60's to win if the conditions persist. "The course is playing very fair at the moment," he said. "The fairways are narrow and it might look tough, but the grass is not as strong as it can be."

Lyle eschewed a practice round yesterday, denying the spectators a sight of him with Michael Welch, the 23-year-old former prodigy from Hill Valley. "We could have played on Tuesday," Lyle said, "but I went early and he was still in his bed."

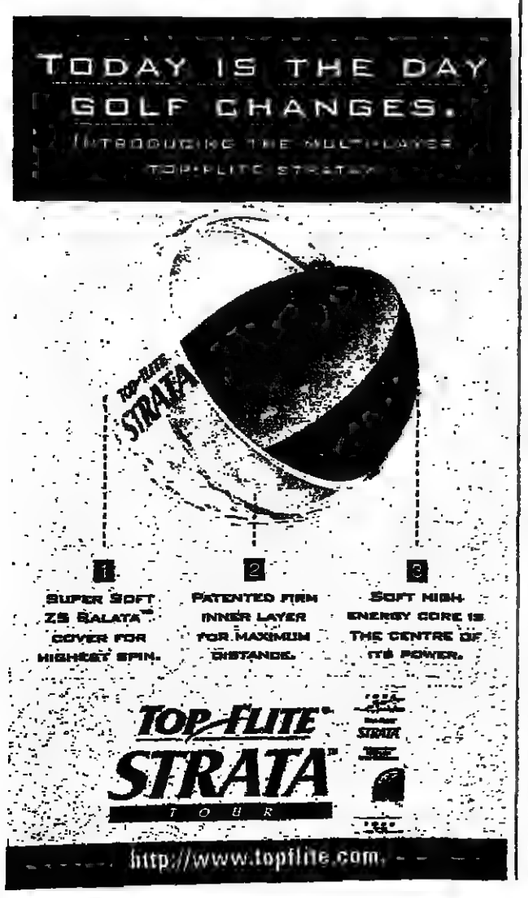
Welch, born in Shrewsbury — as Lyle was — and coached by Alex Lyle, Sandy's father, who died earlier this year, had a sparkling junior career but has had a torrid first season on the PGA European tour, missing 12 of 14 cuts. However, a good omen is that Daniel McGowan, his caddie this week, was the bag carrier when Welch tied for 12th in the Alamo English Open and saw his name on the leaderboard for the first time.

Lyle, who knows all about the burdens of potential, is sure that the talent will out. "It's a five-year learning process, to get used to the Tour. Potential-wise, Michael has a bright future."

As for himself? "I'm not getting nervous about the game," he said. So, against the odds, there might be a bright Lytham for Lyle.

Welch: abundance of potential

Tee-off times and a hole-by-hole guide to the course are contained in today's Open 96 supplement



FOOTBALL

Francis signs two-year deal at Tottenham

GERRY FRANCIS, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, yesterday agreed to sign a contract for the first time since his move from Queens Park Rangers in November 1994 (Russell Kempson writes). It ties him to the club for the next two years.

Francis, 44, who has a thriving antiques business, has always preferred to work under short-term or gentlemen's agreements, at Tottenham, Rangers and Bristol Rovers.

Robert Ullathorne, the Norwich City defender, has become the first English player to take advantage of the Bosman ruling by joining Osasuna, of Spain, on a free transfer.

Goran Vlaovic, the Croatia and former Padova forward, has been suspended from "all footballing activity" by Fifa, the sport's world governing body, for "signing" for three clubs — Valencia, Napoli and Español. He has until July 26 to explain the tangle.

The Football Association has given itself new powers of instant suspension for serious misconduct to take effect pending disciplinary proceedings.

SAILING

O'Brien survives test of nerve

From Edward Gorman, Sailing Correspondent, in Crosshaven, Co Cork

RACING at Ford Cork Week has always been a little more exciting than at other regattas, because race officials like to start the small boats first, leaving the big ones to catch up and sail through them, which makes for a great spectacle, but also some hairy moments.

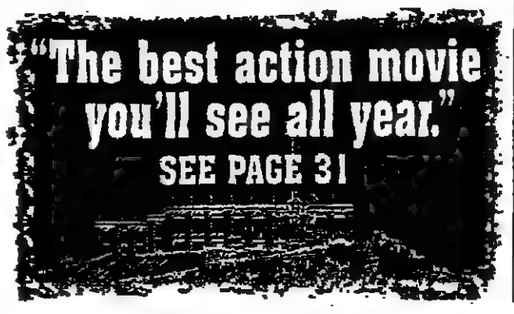
On board the 82ft Maxi, *Sorcery*, the biggest yacht at the regatta, the skipper, Paddy O'Brien, has had his nerve tested to the limit as he has attempted to thread the huge yacht through the armada converging on race marks. In yesterday's first race — *Sorcery's* third in the series — Class 0 was recalled after its first start, allowing the smaller Class 1 and 2 yachts to get away, but it was not long before the maxi was in amongst them.

At one point, power-reaching under spinnaker on port tack, O'Brien suddenly threw the helm down to avoid the Contessa 32 *Nyamiryami*, which was racing in Class 7 and going to windward on starboard and was hidden until the last moment.

"Starting the small boats first is a recipe for disaster," O'Brien said. "The racing here is good, but they are not used to having big boats and the legs are a bit short — we get round the course a bit quickly for the others," he added.

Sorcery, which is owned by Jake Wood, from Thousand Oaks, California, was second at Antigua Race Week this year behind *Maximiser*. At Cork she has nothing to race against and has taken line honours in every race, leaving O'Brien and his 25-strong crew to race the clock and the handicap. She was lying fifth overall in her class yesterday after finishing 11th in the first race behind Richard Mathews's *Esser Girl*.

The overall leader in the class is Jocelyn Waller's Bashford-Howison 41 *Silk 2*, from Colm Barrington's *Surfin' Shoes*, also a BH 41, with Terry Robinson's Swan 48 *Assuage* third.



Much Wenlock lays claim to its Olympic birthright

History books will record that the first Olympic contest of 1996 was abandoned because of torrential rain. We are not talking of the Coca-Cola city of Atlanta here, but the real thing — Much Wenlock — where they have just staged the 110th Wenlock Olympian Games.

This tiny Shropshire town reckons itself to be the true cradle of the modern Olympic movement, for it has been running games modelled on those of classical Greece since 1850. The opening ceremony of this year's festival revolved around a cricket match between a Wenlock Olympian team and the Road Runners of Shrewsbury. Wenlock were 67 for one when rain washed out the contest. But there was plenty more to come with archery, athletics, fencing, bowling — and even the launch of a romantic factionalised novel about the Olympic movement entitled *The Golden Flame*.

The more publicised Olympic flame arrives amid unprecedented hype in Atlanta tomorrow to set off the celebrations for the hundredth anniversary of the modern Olympic Games. There will be much talk of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, honoured by history as the self-styled founding father of the Olympics. But in Much Wenlock they know better.

They have their own local hero, a doctor named William Penny Brookes, who was ahead of de Coubertin by almost half a century in reviving the ancient Olympiad. Not only that, as his biographer Helen Cromarty is eager to point out, he met de Coubertin and passed on like a relay torch his detailed blueprint for the modern Olympic Games.

Brookes: inspirational role

The French aristocrat grabbed the project with enthusiasm, initially acknowledging his debt to the Englishman. In 1890 he wrote: "If the Olympic Games, which modern Greece has not been able to revive, still survive today, it is not to a Greek that we are indebted, but rather to Dr W. P. Brookes."

But by the time the games were up and running, de Coubertin was apparently suffering an Olympian loss of memory, and taking all the credit for the revival for himself. There was not a mention of Brookes as the baron dashed off articles such as "Why I Revived the Olympic Games". If rip-offs had been in the Olympics, this one would have carried off the gold.

The beamed bar of the Gaskell Arms, an old coaching inn in Much Wenlock, on an English July afternoon is about as far away from the cauldron of Atlanta as you can get. But it was there, in the late summer of 1890, that de Coubertin dined with the remarkable Dr Brookes. He was a local GP, a reformer and a dreamer, who in 1850 founded the Wenlock Olympian Society to "promote the moral, physical and intellectual improvement of the inhabitants of the town and neighborhood of Wenlock, and especially of the Working Classes".

BRYANT'S EYE

Dr Brookes clearly believed that large doses of healthy exercise would keep men off the streets and out of the pubs. He took as his inspiration and model the ancient Olympics, and although his first games were a mixture of old country sports — from cricket and quoits to athletics — there was much pageantry that was self-consciously Greek and Olympic.

He paraded banners with Greek inscriptions, and winners were honoured with laurel branches and medals bearing a representation of Nike — the Greek goddess of victory. Brookes also built up strong contacts with Greece and in 1877 the Greek King, George I, even donated a silver cup to be awarded to the winner of the pentathlon.

The effect of all this Olympic veneer made a deep impression on a young French aristocrat, who was eager to pedal physical education to what he considered to be the degenerate youth of his native France. De Coubertin liked the idea of the Olympic festival so much that he hijacked it and went on to claim it as his own. It is not the winning that matters, as the old baron might have said, it is the taking the credit.

The remarkable double act of Dr Brookes and de Coubertin is chronicled in great detail in *The Golden Flame* launched by the Irish author, Gabriel Murray, at Much Wenlock. Murray concludes of de Coubertin: "It was in England that he had discovered Greece. It was there he learnt of Olympia and found the ideal of his life."

The sun shone warmly on the grass track at Wenlock's Linden Fields at the weekend, and the sight of spectators and competitors picnicking with their tea and sandwiches evoked a sporting era left way behind by the other Olympic Games. Just two summers ago, though, the International Olympic Committee acknowledged how great was their debt to the founder of the Wenlock Olympian Games.

De Coubertin: took the credit

They sent their president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, to pay homage to Brookes and plant an oak in his memory. When asked why he had come to Much Wenlock, Samaranch replied: "Because this is where the modern Olympics all started."

Dr William Penny Brookes may well be a disgracefully forgotten hero, but at least one of the athletes who was to come his way is still remembered in our time. In 1865, lobbying by Brookes led to the setting up of the National Olympian Society, which laid on its Olympian Games at Crystal Palace the next year.

A young cricketer, playing at the Oval, organised a substitute fielder, and jogged across the London suburbs to Sydenham where, before a crowd of 10,000, he won the 440 yards hurdles. He then ran back to the Oval to complete the match in which he scored a double-century.

The name of the hero who had made such efforts to win his Brookes Olympian Games medal? It was W. G. Grace.

JOHN BRYANT

OLYMPIC GAMES

Capital growth necessary for London to bid

FROM DAVID MILLER IN ATLANTA

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY, who, in the ministerial game of pass-the-parcel, at present carries the Government's ultimate responsibility for British sport, arrives in Atlanta today. She will attend the opening ceremony of the centenary Olympic Games tomorrow and, in the space of a four-day visit, will attempt to grasp what is required to host the world's most important sporting event. Some chance.

The Atlanta organising committee began ten years ago admitting that it knew nothing and is still trying to catch up with only 24 hours to go. The Games will be over before some of the problems, such as the press transportation system, are solved. It was ever thus.

Mrs Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, in a rash of enthusiasm amid the euphoria of Euro 96, proclaimed: "And now on to hosting the World Cup and then the Olympic Games."

Where, though, is the Government's contribution to the £1 billion budget for the latter?

Craig Reedie, as chairman of the British Olympic Association (BOA), holds the responsibility of whether and when another bid should be made to host the Games, after failures by Birmingham and Manchester. An informal poll among fellow members of the International Olympics Committee (IOC) at the session in Budapest last year confirmed the bottom line: the next attempt has to be by London.

On that basis, Reedie last autumn took the next necessary decision: that a London bid for 2004 would be unlikely to get past the IOC's evaluation commission, which reduces candidates to a shortlist. With no relationship established with Government on central issues such as where to build an Olympic village, and how to relate that to London's throttled transportation — a new underground link? — a bid for 2004 was likely to be wasted time and money.

Looking at the multibillion-dollar government development programmes being undertaken by Rome and Athens, two of the leading contenders for 2004, all 11 of whom are present in Atlanta with low-key campaigns, Reedie recognised that a first priority is the establishment of the BOA's authority within the proposed British Academy of Sport. The Government's proposed prospectus for organisations wishing to make bids for administering the academy is expected to be released in the next few days.

"We want to be in a management and controlling role [in the academy] because we know more about elite sport than anybody else," Reedie said. "There is only one organisation in the fragmented structure of British sport [Sports Council, Central Council of Physical Recreation, regional sports authorities] that is wholly and truly British, and that is the BOA. The major sports such as rugby and soccer have to get involved. We are speaking to them. No one else is."

There will be £100 million available from the National Lottery for the establishemnt of the academy. To that, the BOA would add its own private sector investment.

Much will depend on which city is granted 2004 at the vote in September next year. The BOA's strategy cannot be determined until then. If the new host is from Europe, then a London bid would make no sense until 2012, the probability being that 2008 would be awarded to Cape Town, Peking, Rio de Janeiro or Buenos Aires.

The race for 2004 already has some formidable front-runners. Rome, which hosted the 1960 Games, has a £7 billion development programme for the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Christianity, that will include a new metro to the existing Olympic stadium and to a projected Olympic village.

Italy has a supreme advantage over many countries in that Coni, its national Olympic committee, governs the finance of all sport, receiving more than £400 million per annum from the national lottery, and is promised a further £700 million for new installations.

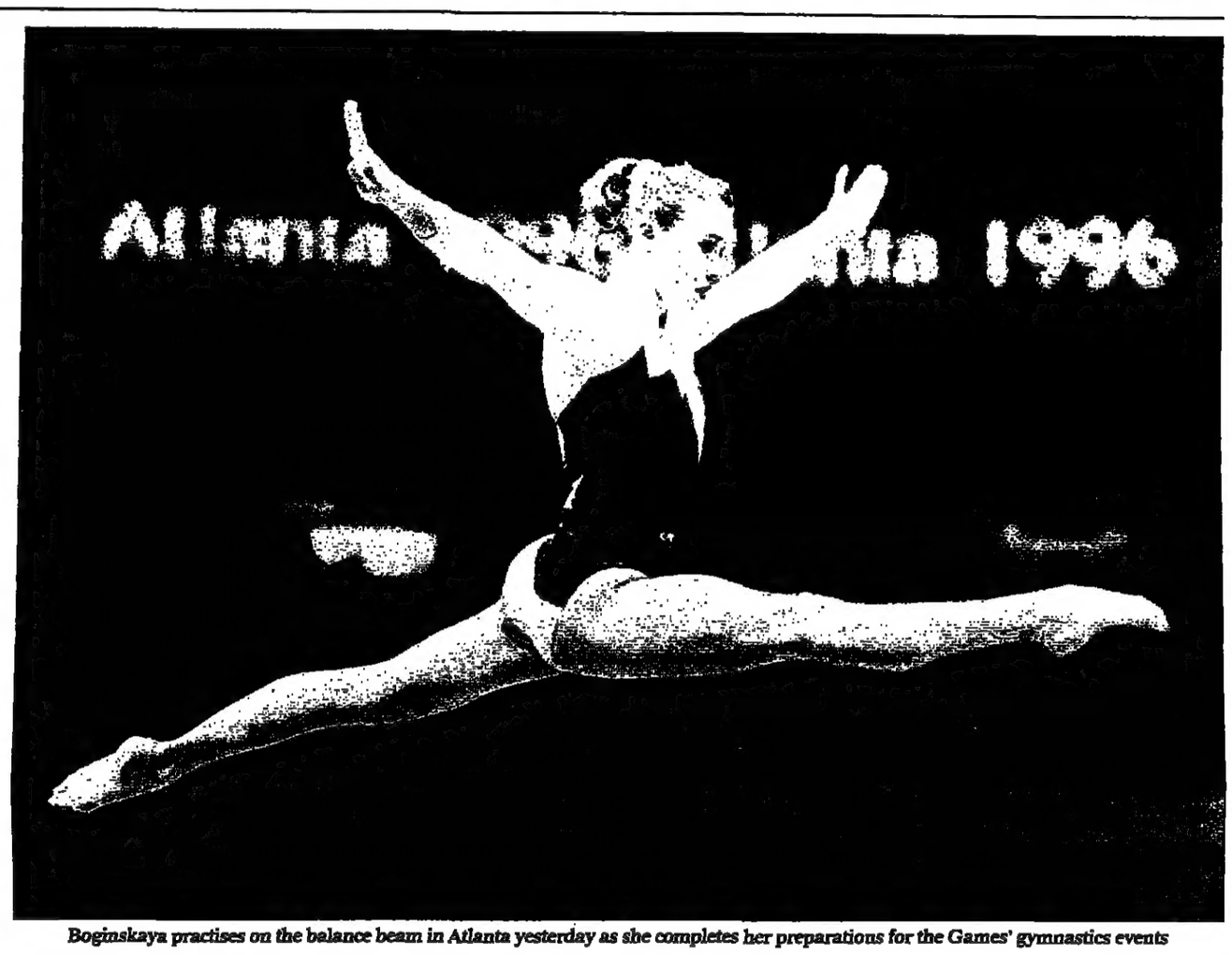
Rome is regarded as present favourite, but Athens will exert an emotional pull on the IOC's conscience after rejection for the 1996 Games. The Athens bid is led by Gianna Angelopoulos, who is anxious to avoid the previous Greek arrogance that they deserved election by right and which rebounded against them.

"It was fair play, we did not get them, and we wish Atlanta the perfect Games," she said this week. "This is a new bid, a new reality. We are bidding differently. We don't deserve it as a right."

Stockholm, the host of 1912, has an appeal equivalent to Sydney. Its setting is idyllic and the city is regarded as one of the leading candidates, but must convince the IOC that the Swedish population, unenthusiastic in a national poll, truly supports the bid. St Petersburg, across the Bay of Finland, is equally charismatic, and has ambitious plans for a new airport, motorways and stadiums, with a village within walking distance of main events to be staged on the waterfront, but the logistics of accommodation, transport and security must raise doubts.

Cape Town, scenically and representative of the new South Africa, carries powerful political strings and has put Archbishop Tutu on board its committee, but Cape Town will have similar logistical problems to St Petersburg.

If Mrs Bottomley has a spare half-hour, she should take the lift to the tenth floor of the IOC's hotel here, and take a look at the dimension of projects now necessary to be a serious Olympic candidate, on display at 11 hospitality suites.



Boginskaya practises on the balance beam in Atlanta yesterday as she completes her preparations for the Games' gymnastics events

Pathetic victims of race against time

SIMON BARNES

Atlanta sketch

I have seen the finest cheekbones of the Olympic Games. What, I thought, again? Impossible. This crone must be 23 if she's a day — but there is no mistaking the Sphinx from Minsk, nor that extraordinary elegance of movement.

This is Svetlana Boginskaya, of Belorussia, and I caught her at the practice session for the women's gymnastics. Boginskaya is, as ever, the only woman taking part. Not a buxom lump of a thing, I grant you, but recognisably a woman and one who adds grace to the routine of virtuosity.

Boginskaya is one of the divas of sport. She has the same compellingly watchable quality as Florence Griffith-Joyner, Katarina Witt and Monica Seles and, revelling in the — more or less — pure aesthetic pleasure of her floor routine, you say "surely this is what the sport is *supposed* to be like".

Bela Karolyi is the coach, Romanian turned American, who gave the world the child prodigies of Nadia Comaneci ("little Miss Perfect") and Mary Lou Retton, star of screen and Wheaties box. Taking over the coaching of Boginskaya two years ago, Karolyi said that gymnastics "started going to a dangerous extreme — the gymnastics of super-tiny, super-young, fragile athletes ... fragile babies ready to break out crying if things did not go well for them".

He and Boginskaya subsequently parted, which brought me to the press conference of the American gymnastics team, starring Karolyi's latest creation. This is Dominque Moceanu, 4ft 6in, a pound over 5st — and 14.

She has already completed, believe it or not, an autobiography, *Dominique Moceanu: An American Champion*, and she has all the other things that gymnastic stardom can give you in Olympic year — celebrity, appearances on magazine covers and in television commercials, stress fractures.

A four-inch stress fracture of the shin was diagnosed five weeks ago. Three daily 20-minute sessions with a thing called a bone stimulator have got her back on track. "I just have to be strong," she said. Karolyi added approvingly: "She's a tough little kid. She has a high tolerance for pain." So that's all right then.

There is something truly absurd about sitting in a hall with a crowd of grown men and women and a dozen cameras jostling for position, all of us trying to get an immortal word or two from a troupe of little girls. They've lived all right, these little girls, they've suffered and they know a very great deal about elation and despair. But they're not going to tell us anything about it.

They are extraordinary creatures and they have, every one of them, learnt to fly. It is a poor person whose heart does not leap at a perfect high release from the assymetric bars. All the same, there is something quite dreadfully wrong here.

A pile of shock-horror evidence of the sport's cruelties has been gathered by Joan Ryan in her book *Little Girls in Pretty Boxes*. Tales of injury, burn-out, eating disorders and the bullying of coaches make up the substance of it.

She also, very neatly, skewers the essential paradox of gymnastics: "To survive in the sport, they beat back puberty, desperate to stay small and thin, refusing to let their bodies grow up. In this way, the sport perverts the very idea of femininity it holds so dear ...

"They starve themselves, often in response to their coaches' belittling insults about their bodies. Starving shuts down the menstrual cycle ... and thus blocks the onset of puberty." It was a shock to realise that Moceanu's five colleagues on the United States team are all aged 18 and 19. Each would pass for a very young 14.

There are many sports that produce prodigies — Pelé, Tendulkar, Becker. The problem with the enthralling and beautiful sport of gymnastics is that it has turned away from the Boginskayas of life and become a sport in which only prodigies can compete. For every little girl who aims for the heights, gymnastics is a race against time and puberty, a sport with a window of opportunity as narrow as an arrow-slit.

Barrett given honour of carrying Irish flag

FRANCIS BARRETT, the first member of the travelling community to represent Ireland in the Olympic Games, has been chosen to carry the flag in the opening ceremony tomorrow night.

Barrett, 19, a light-welterweight boxer, lives on a site overlooking Galway on the Atlantic coast and the caravan life is the only one for him.

"I love living in the caravan," he said. "It's very relaxed and really I would never want to live in a house like the settled folk. The council would like us to move into the houses, but this is our way of life and we want to keep it."

The Galway public have united in encouragement for Barrett, who claimed his place in Atlanta with victory in a box-off in the European championships in March.

"When I won on a countback, my team-mates jumped in the ring and put their arms around me even though they knew I was a traveller," he said. "When I arrived home, I got a civic reception. The local radio station has sponsored me and the AIB Bank set up a fund before I left."

Barrett started boxing at the age of 11 and has stayed at the Olympia Club, where he is trained by Chick Gillan.

Accepted by his team-mates and now leading the national squad into the arena in Atlanta, Barrett is on a high, even if a little apprehensive. "It's a big honour for me, but I'll probably be more nervous doing that than climbing into the ring," he said. "I feel I've got a good chance of a medal. I'll just give my best and hope for a bit of luck."

Turner's insurrection taken out of context

David Powell, athletics correspondent, on a meaningless drugs 'revelation'

The BBC sneezed on Tuesday and the British print media woke up with a cold yesterday. All Tuesday, in news bulletins and on Radio 5 Live's *Inside Edge*, the BBC kept plugging *Panorama*, in which Dr Michael Turner would allege that 75 per cent or more of track and field athletes due to compete in the Atlanta Olympics have cheated by using drugs. The papers were full of it yesterday and the BBC must have been congratulating itself on a self-publicity job well done.

It had succeeded in whipping up a storm at the sport's most vulnerable time. There is nothing like an Olympic Games for besmirching athletes through unsubstantiated drugs allegations, and what Turner said, or rather meant to say, was not only without evidence, but also not even a fresh opinion. As Neil Bennett, the BBC's own sports correspondent, said on television yesterday on *Breakfast News Extra*: "I do not think there is anything new in the substance of the allegations that were made in the programme."

When researching on Monday whether *Panorama* had anything new on drugs in athletics, I spoke with Eamonn Matthews, the programme producer, who described it as "a gentle guide for the average viewer". I spoke with Turner, who said that, with regard to his 75 per cent figure in track and field, he was talking only about the power events. "So I am not saying every marathon runner is doing it, every sprinter," he said. "What we are talking about is shot, discus, javelin and maybe sprinting." Slightly more than 50 per cent across the board, he thought.

Turner was unhappy yesterday at what he claimed was the BBC's failure to use his comment within the context it was set. He was referring to power events, he claimed, when he said: "If you are talking about track and field, you are talking about a situation where the percentage may be 75 per cent or above of Olympic athletes in Atlanta will have taken some kind of performance-enhancing drug." His comment was used as the introductory taster to the programme and not referred to again.

Matthews said that it was "absolutely explicit, there was no misunderstanding", that the reference was to track and field as a whole.

Turner does not work in athletics, but in tennis and skiing. The "Olympic team doctor", as the BBC called him, is a former director of medical services for the British Olympic Association but is "more interested in winter sports than summer sports". He was team doctor at the 1994 Winter Olympics, but never at a summer Games.

While Roger Black went on radio asking for names to be put to the allegations, and Sebastian Coe told the BBC that the figure was "incredulous" (*sic*), Turner explained to *The Times* that he had arrived at his figures by taking his lead from Prince Alexandre de Merode, the chairman of the International Olympic Committee medical commission.

"A starting point is Prince de Merode, who, a couple of years ago, said that 50 per cent of Olympic athletes were taking performance-enhancing drugs," Turner said. "In track and field as a whole, I go with Prince de Merode. I have no evidence to the contrary."

How had Turner arrived at his figures? Informed guesswork.

"You start from what you think is a reasonable figure and you say: 'Is Prince de Merode right at 50 per cent?' You then say: 'Is it as bad as 100 per cent?' You then look at all the research figures, talk to international colleagues and athletes ... you then come to a figure where 100 per cent is too much, 50 per cent is probably too low."

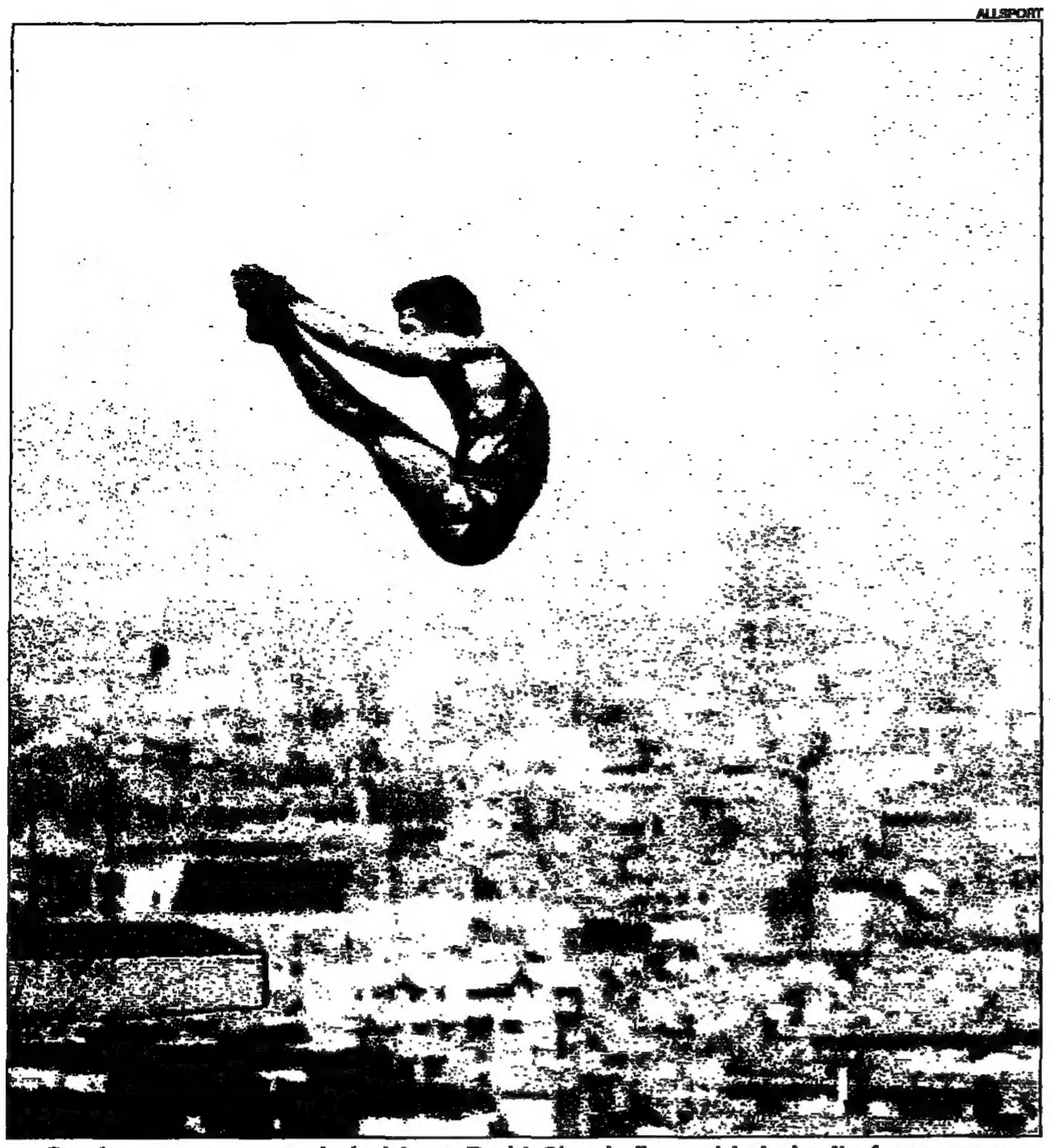
The vagueness of it did not stop one national broadsheet from leading its sports section with a story connecting Turner's "fresh allegations" with "the announcement that two athletes have tested positive". One was Antonella Bevilacqua, an Italian high jumper — the same athlete that the same newspaper reported on June 27 as having failed the same two tests in May. Then, it merited only "round-up" coverage.

Athletics does, of course, have a drugs problem, as do many other sports less willing to tackle the issue, and competitors will be found out at the Olympics. However, the media has jumped the gun.

The genuine news on Tuesday, that Dean Capobianco, an Australian, had tested positive, was the lead sports item on BBC *Breakfast News* — out of proportion to his status outside the world's top 50 sprinters. One presenter wondered whether the fuss was merely an example of journalists "talking up" drugs stories on occasions such as the Olympics. Did he need to ask? The presenter was Rob Bonnet, on the BBC — where the storm in a test tube started.

Donie emerges from depths of despair

A medal-winner who lost his nerve tells **Andrew Longmore** *about the experience*


ALLSPORT

Barcelona presents a spectacular backdrop to Donie's Olympic silver medal-winning dive four years ago

In official language, the dive is known as an armstand cut-through, reverse one-and-a-half. It sounds complicated from the ground but for a diver as accomplished as Scott Donie, it was straightforward enough. Except that 33 feet up, his fingers curled over the end of the platform, his legs balanced above him in a perfect handstand, the Olympic silver medal-winner had lost his nerve.

Donie waited, trying to put his mind to rights, trying to snuff out wild thoughts about adding somersaults and twists to a standard routine, trying to work out why he was there. The crowd who had come to watch one of the most flamboyant of American divers at the Olympic Festival in San Antonio waited below.

"I was thinking, 'What are you gonna do, Scott? What are you gonna do?' It was ridiculous. I was torturing myself," Donie said. "It was an easy dive, but I was so messed up mentally, I could've killed myself. I just had to say 'Forget this. It's over'."

After maybe 30 seconds — he says it seemed like a lifetime — Donie calmly put his feet back on the ground, turned, climbed down and told the judges he was finished. He has only once dived from the 10-metre platform since 1993, finishing thirteenth in an indoor event two years later. But last month, at the age of 27, Donie won the United States Olympic springboard trials and, in ten days, he will begin the quest to add to his high-diving silver from Barcelona. The springboard is only 10 feet above the water.

The very public admission of defeat on that day in San Antonio was the most courageous act of Donie's life. He sees that now, even if he did not then. However, there was something much deeper in Donie's psyche than mere loss of nerve. Burn-out is not just for rich-kid tennis players. Donie had devoted his childhood to reaching the Olympics and when he achieved his aim, he found 15 minutes of fame and two years of depression and self-pity, the hidden legacies of Olympic glory.

"Somehow I expected Barcelona to change my life," he said. "But I was the same guy. I went to the grocery store and no one even recognised me. All I had in my life was diving. I hadn't made plans for anything else." He spent long hours in Miami bars wondering why he had bothered, but it was not until San Antonio that he began to look for an answer, not until he took a job teaching disabled children that he found that he had been asking the wrong questions all along. "It's not about winning medals or making money," Donie said. "It's about enjoying the moment. These kids make me realise how lucky I am."

Donie has not been isolated in his struggles nor been the only one to reach Atlanta via the uncharted byways of the mind. Indeed, if medals were awarded for conquest of adversity, the US diving squad would be hot favourites for a team gold. Mark Lenzi, a year older than Donie, suffered similar withdrawal symptoms after winning gold on the three-metre springboard in Barcelona and Mary Ellen Clark, the women's team captain and a bronze medal-winner four years ago, has had to overcome severe bouts of vertigo to take her place on the ten-metre platform next week in Atlanta.

Appearances on the *Tonight Show* and *Good Morning America* seemed to herald the beginning of the good life and a healthy bank balance for the personable Lenzi. Four years on, he estimates, his golden bonanza totalled about £15,000. It took him two years of retirement, when his weight ballooned and his day was spent in front of an empty glass and a television set to find some sense of perspective. In January, 1995, he returned to competition and a spectacular dive in the final round of the US trials last month confirmed that his nerve was intact and his head right for a return to the Olympics. This time, he says, he will be ready. "People need to try not to take it so seriously," he said. "It's just a game, enjoy it."

'It was an easy dive, but I was so messed up mentally'

Vertigo, Clark explained, is not the fear of heights, it is dizziness and she has been suffering from it on and off since 1988, which is a problem if your chosen sport involves twisting, turning and hitting the water head first in a 30mph freefall. The strange thing about Clark's last attack, 18 months ago, was that it began when she was warming up on the one-metre springboard in the hotel pool. She wrote "vertigo" in her diary that night and went to seek medical help.

Acupuncture, spinning chairs, Cranio-sacral therapy, anti-seizure medicines, Clark has tried everything, but cannot be entirely certain whether relief is permanent or temporary. She will know more clearly on July 27 when the 10-metre platform finals begin in the Georgia Tech Aquatic Centre. Perhaps a chorus of the Grateful Dead's *Birdsong*, Scott Donie's anthem in Barcelona, will soothe the nerves. More comforting may be the thought that if all else fails she can simply turn around and walk away.

RADIO CHOICE

Return to the land of fear

Going Back. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

When you make a return journey to hell on Earth, which is what the environmental journalist George Monbiot does in *Going Back*, you have to be prepared to find that the roaring of infernal fires has not been completely replaced by the chanting heavenly choirs. Seven years ago, Monbiot was badly beaten up when he was investigating the persecution of peasants by ranchers and police in north-eastern Brazil. Seven years later, accompanied by fellow journalist Jan Rocha, he went back to the places that once caused him to sweat with fear. Two men in particular, a rancher and a policeman, had made him the target of their villainy because he identified himself with the peasants' cause. *Going Back* tells what happened when George Monbiot met up with them again.

Minor Adjustments. *Radio 4 (FM), 10am.*

Eric and Andy Merriman, father and son, have jointly written this new family sit-com series which opens promisingly. Merriman senior has a good track record for radio comedy. He scripted *Beyond Our Ken*. More recently, father and son teamed up to write the chronicles of Mr Finchley, beguilingly played by Richard Griffiths. *Minor Adjustments* is about the Stubbs family, newspaper cartoonist husband (Peter Davison), his GP wife (Samantha Bond), good cause campaigning daughter (Claire Russell) and her Down's syndrome sister (Sarah Merriman, daughter of Andy). **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30am Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from Moss O'Balloch Park near Loch Lomond **12.30pm** Kevin Greening **3.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Phoenix 96, from Long Marston near Stafford. Includes live performances by David Bowie, Placebo, Gene, Banco De Gaia and Frank Black **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Jasper Carrott Trial **7.30** David Allan **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** I Write the Songs. Charles Aznavour (3/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl **6.55, 7.55** Racing preview **8.35** The Magazine incl **10.35** Euronews **11.30** Health News **12.00** Midday with Mair incl Moneycheck with Katie Derham **1.15** *The Open. Live coverage*, from Royal Lytham St Annes, of the 125th Open Golf Championship. With commentary from George Bayley and Chris Rea **8.05** David Gower's Cricket Weekly. Includes the final instalment of *The Pod Tapes* **9.05** SportsAmerica, with Alton Byrd **9.35** American Graffiti, with Jonathan Freedland **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours — Early Call **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Sport **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News in German **9.15** Composer **9.45** Health Matters **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Assignment **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Assignment **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Poems by Post **12.30** Dance Vibe **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Good Books **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** 30 Drama **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Sally Peterson **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Travel Guide: Mexico **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Petroc Trelawney

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Mark Forrest **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyle **(FM)** / Robin Banks **(AM) 10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. With Andrew McGregor. Handel (Organ Concerto in F, Op 4 No 4); Bliss (Cello Concerto); Corelli (Concerto Grosso in D, Op 6 No 1); Humphrey Clucas (My God, My God); J. Strauss, son (Waltz: The Blue Danube); R Strauss (Macbeth)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Jeremiah Clarke (The Prince of Denmark's March); Handel (Concerto Grosso in B minor, Op 6 No 12); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in F sharp, Op 78); Arriaga (String Quartet No 3 in E flat)

10.00 Musical Encounters. With Mark Rowlinson. Fucik (The Entry of the Gladiators) **10.02** *Artist of the Week*: Robert Lloyd, bass. Handel (I rage, I melt, I burn, Acis and Galatea); **10.05** *Strauss* (Overture: Capriccio). Boccherini (Cello Concerto No 9 in B flat), Suk (Scherzo fantastique), Morgan Hayes (Mirage), Sibelius (Suite mignonne, Op 98a), Stravinsky (Pulcinella), Mussorgsky (Trepak, Songs and Dances of Death)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Haydn. Paul Gunery presents music written by Haydn in his final years

1.00pm Opera Matinée: Le Roi Arthus. Ernest Chausson's only completed opera presents the story of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Dortmund Theatre Chorus and Philharmonic Orchestra under Anton Marik. Sung in French. Introduced by Susan Sharpe

3.25 Preoccupations. In the first of a new series, Tasmin Little talks about gastronomic matters

3.30 Tasmin Little and Martin Roscoe, violin and piano. Bach (Violin Sonata in E); Franck (Violin Sonata in A); Prokofiev (Violin Sonata No 2, Op 94a); Ravel (Tzigane)

5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson. The pupils of Stanwell Comprehensive present their views of musical things to do (r)

5.15 In Tune. Wagner (Overture Rienzi); Fauré (Impromptu for harp, Op 86); Mozart (Concert aria: Voi avete un cor fedele), Bach (Lute Suite in e minor)

7.30 Cheltenham Festival 1996. A recital given by the Borodin Quartet last Friday. Beethoven (String Quartet in A minor, Op 132). Schnittke (Canon in memoriam Igor Stravinsky). Stravinsky (Double Canon in memoriam Raoul Dufy). Shostakovich (String Quartet No 15)

9.30 The 1996 Reith Lectures: The Language Web. Professor Jean Aitchison explores how words are stored (4/5) (r)

10.00 Music Restored. Andrew Manze introduces the French group Le Concert Spirituel under their director Hervé Niquet

10.45 Night Waves, with Hermione Lee

11.30 Composers of the Week: The English Madrigalists (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Choral Evensong (r)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze. Michael Buerk is joined by Janet Daley, Dr David Starkey, Peter Stanford and Anthony Scrivener, QC

10.00 News; Minor Adjustments (FM only). See Choice

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 On This Day (LW only)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

12.00 News; You and Yours 12.55pm Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Inside Outlander. Uprooted from the teen culture of 1970s Newcastle by her father's dream for a new life in South Africa, Carol McGuigan creates a vivid portrait of her adolescent longings for British culture

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen considers the effects of the Spanish Civil War on its 60th anniversary, and examines the fate of Picasso's *Guernica*

4.45 Short Story: Fennel, by Rhidian Brook. Read by Brendan Charleson

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 First Impressions. Pete McCarthy chairs the panel game for impressionists with Alistair McGowan and Steve Nallon, and this week's guests Jon Glover and Kate Robbins

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Going Back. See Choice (3/3)

8.00 Analysis. Peter Kellner looks at the return of the idea of meritocracy

8.45 Going South. Kevin Connolly visits the Champagne area on his summer journey south through France (2/4)

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove. The first of four slots in which people with disabilities have a chance to challenge the views of people in positions of influence. Tonight's panel in Manchester explores access to sport for both participants and spectators who have disabilities

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Merry Muse. Michael Mackenzie reads Eric Linklater's novel (4/10)

11.00 My Derrick, by David Marshall. Derrick Penniman returns home with his 18-year old bride, to live with his mother. With Tessa Worsley and Deborah Berlin (r)

11.30 Wordly Wise, chaired by Peter Hobday (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Sportswriter (12/12)

12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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Smith outmanoeuvres Australia's ironman

FROM CRAIG LORD IN ATLANTA

THE Georgia Tech pool here was awash with aggression yesterday as Kieren Perkins, Australia's troubled ironman with a 1,500 metres freestyle swimming title to defend, locked horns with Graeme Smith, the Briton who could beat him. Perkins appeared rattled when the Anglo-Scot, who has the world's fastest time this year over the longest race in the pool (15min 03.43sec), joined his rival for a spot of pace-making and immediately put Perkins on the lane ropes with his wide-swinging arm technique.

Fixing Smith a steely stare, Perkins rose to waist height in the water and pronounced to his coach, John Carew, in mocking tones that mimicked an uppercrust English accent: "I seem to be having a bit of bother with the British technique, Mr Carew." Carew, reverting to the Australian vernacular, replied: "I can't see how a bloke who swims like that can go so fast."

Neither Australian had got the measure of Smith, it seemed. Born in Falkirk and raised in Stockport, he has risen to become world No 1 in the past year and "reached the best shape of my life at the right time" using a technique, that "works for me", while his accent is more likely to be heard in the Rovers Return than the Home Counties. Smith just did an about turn and left the Australians whingeing in his wash.

Perkins, who has not come close to his world record of 14min 41.66sec since setting it at the Commonwealth Games in 1994, has had a troubled passage to Atlanta, failing to make the Australian team for the 400 metres, for which he is also the world record-holder.

Success for Smith would make him the first Briton to win a medal at 1,500 metres since John Hatfield took the silver medal at Stockholm in 1912.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 38

FEAK

(b) A hawking term. To wipe the beak of a hawk after feeding. Hence transferred to wipe the beak of anything: a fine pedantic term for blowing one's nose. "I gently pulled her off the pelf, feaked and hooded her."

GRANGERIZE

(a) To illustrate (a book) by the addition of prints, engravings, etc., *especially such as have been cut [wickedly] out of other books. The* eponym of James *Granger*. In 1769 he published a *Biographical History of England*, with blank leaves for the reception of engraved portraits or other pictorial illustrations of the text.

GENIPAP

(c) The fruit of *Genipa americana*, a small tree or large shrub, with large glossy leaves and a single white flower, called the genip tree.

GRUE

(c) A kind of meal cake made in Cheshire. From the Old French *gru* meal, *cf. gruel*. "Had Galen seen the Oaten Cakes of the North; the Janocks of Lancashire, and the Grues of Cheshire, he would have confessed that Oates and Oatmeal are meat for tall, fair and strong men."

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Hopping, skipping, jumping and stalking

They used to call it the hop, skip and jump, but that sounded like something squeezed between the donkey rides and the tombola at a village fete. It lacked the glitz of Lycra shorts, multi-million pound sponsorship deals and performance-enhancing drugs.

So they called it the triple jump. But, as with famous Belgians, if you asked 100 people in the street to name a triple jumper, half would lose the power of speech while the others would think you meant a horse. Then came Jonathan Edwards.

As **Leap of Faith** (BBC2) demonstrated last night, Edwards is the perfect English hero: Sir Cliff Richard in spikes. Edwards will march in tomorrow's Olympic opening ceremony with God at his side. The world triple jump champion and world record holder was brought up in a vicarage by Anglican parents. He is old-fashioned by modern Church of England standards, in that he still believes in God and the Old Testament.

His children are called Nathan (Hebrew for "gift") and Samuel ("God hears"). His phlegmatic wife, Alison, a physiotherapist, only mildly complains about the injury paranoia to which athletes are prone: "I should be patient with him but sometimes when he comes in with this little niggle or that, his knee's niggling, and I've got to try to be sympathetic . . ."

Edwards does not bang on about his beliefs and nor did the programme. Only one of his coaches, who just had to be an American, made a direct link between God's activities and those of men in shorts. Dennis Nobles has that combination of in-your-face belief and mangled syntax which is peculiarly American.

"Us meeting and working together," Nobles said, "I don't think was a coincidence. There is a creator God and he is instinctively involved with his creation to the point of moving events and ordering events to where his purposes are accomplished."

The purpose of Edwards in Atlanta is to claim the gold medal, 100 years after the first medal at the first modern Olympics in Greece was given to Brendan James Connolly for winning . . . the hop, skip and jump. He leapt 13.71 metres. Edwards will need somewhere around 18.

His lean body is very obviously a stranger to chemicals and he tests positive only for divine inspiration. As Peter Stanley, his technical coach, put it last night: "He's a good guy who has come good. He's proof that good guys can make it."

Bad guys were the focus in another part of America, with **Inside Story** (BBC1) going to Los Angeles to stalk stalkers. The Commons recently blocked a Private Member's Bill which would have made stalking an offence, but California banned it six years ago and Los Angeles has the world's only stalker squad, called the Threat Management Unit.

REVIEW

Peter Barnard

About 75 per cent of cases involve men stalking women. The most famous concerned a drifter, Robert Hoskins, jailed for ten years after stalking Madonna (he claimed she was his wife). But at least Madonna can afford protection: lower-profile cases expose women to dreadful risk and are not easy to resolve.

One woman had been followed from New York to Los Angeles by a man who stalked her for 19 years, in spite of injunctions and arrests. The film showed the man being arrested yet again. In his cell, he blandly announced: "I'm rapidly falling out of love with this woman. I'm starting to catch on."

The striking thing about stalkers, apart from their obsessive persistence and disconnection from reality, is a complete absence of guile. They follow women openly, appear in their homes uninvited, leave long rambling messages on answering machines, write signed letters.

A psychiatrist said that stalking was in part a product of the breakdown of the family. Stalkers had nobody to relate to beyond their landlords and perhaps their bosses: "There's no reality check."

There is a temptation to see the emphasis on stalking as a fad, some passing fashion. A single statistic shows otherwise: 90 per cent of American women who are murdered by their former partners have first been subjected to stalking.

More heartening than worrying, the second part of Richard Denton's excellent documentary series **School** (BBC2) was called *Take Three Boys*. The focus was Francis Combe School, a comprehensive in Watford and, in particular, three students aged 11: Gary, Scott and Steven.

Francis Combe is a mixed-ability school surrounded by selective establishments, so it gets more than its fair share of difficult students. Happily, it has more than its share of dedicated teachers. Marlene Broadhead, in charge of learning support, said: "We have to accept all the children that nobody else wants . . . all of those schools who want to have their league tables looking nice will get shot of those children who are going to bring them down."

Yet the school clearly works. The three boys are friends but what they have in common is not their pure academic ability. As Steven said: "With all three of us, we have two-and-a-half brains altogether." Gary is the troublesome one. Steven: "Gary is all right, but from a young age he was, like, a hoodlum."

Steven is an average pupil with interests in computers and guns. Scott is an academic star. Contrary to the standard anti-comprehensive mythology, there is no sign that Gary brings the others down. Perhaps, eventually, they will lift him up. Given the chance.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (36470)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (87741)

8.00 Breakfast News Extra (3579234)

9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (s) (6679147)

9.50 Living Dangerously: The Warthog and the Teabag (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7146760)

10.20 FILM: Smokey and the Good Time Outlaws. (1978) Two dreamers hope to hit the big time as country and western singers. With Jesse Turner and Dennis Fimple. Directed by Alex Grasshof (22608031)

12.00 News and weather Ceefax) (2350147)

12.05pm Small Talk (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2715505)

12.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (9834383)

1.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (77128)

1.30 Regional News and Weather (12452383)

1.40 Columbo (r) (s) (3115234)

3.00 Golf: The Open. Steve Rider introduces coverage of the first day's play from Royal Lytham and St Anne's Golf club (s) (66997692)

5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (287296)

6.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (609)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (401)

7.00 Summer Holiday. Sankha Guha heads for The Gambia to find out if the all-year-round African sun and culture can lure tourists from the costas. Kevin Woodford is in Rhodes, and Jenny Hull cruises England's waterways on a narrow boat (Ceefax) (s) (6147)

7.30 EastEnders. There's a shock for Tiffany and Bianca's party ends in tears. David gets set to move, but Phil doesn't seem to want to go home (Ceefax) (s) (215)

8.00 Wildlife on One: The Immortal Salamander. David Attenborough narrates a look at the salamander, a survivor from the age of the dinosaur (s) (Ceefax) (5895)

8.30 Auntie's Sporting Bloomers. Terry Wogan presents a look at the trials and tribulations of sports personalities. He is joined by would-be goalkeeping hero turned comedian, Phill Jupitus, while snooker ace Dennis Taylor reveals the secret of success on the green baize in his "Guide to Glory" (Ceefax) (s) (4302)

9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (Ceefax) (5012)

9.30 Men Behaving Badly: Cardigan. Award winning, laddish sit-com. Gary feels middle-aged when Deborah starts hanging out with her new student friends at university. Starring Martin Clunes, Neil Morrissey, Caroline Quentin and Leslie Ash (Ceefax) (s) (75673)

10.00 CHOICE **The Greatest Show on Earth: It's Atlanta** (1/2) (7128)

11.00 FILM: American Gigolo (1980). Starring Richard Gere, Lauren Hutton, Hector Elizondo, Nina Van Pallandt, Brian Davies, Bill Duke Drama about a male prostitute whose speciality is purveying sexual pleasure to bored housewives in Beverly Hills in return for large amounts of money Directed by Paul Schrader (Ceefax) (s) (124079)

12.55am Weather (5865635)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Floating an Integral (6932147) **6.25** Brain and Behaviour (6911654) **6.50** *Structural Components* (8466963) **7.15 See Hear Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (4105302) **7.30 Smurfs' Adventures** (9143050) **7.55 Cartoon Critters** (5973789) **8.20 The Brollys** (6387031) **8.40 The Record** (6847215) **9.05 The Great Depression** (6185272) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (s) (6532383)

10.25 Golf: The Open. Steve Ryder introduces coverage of the 125th Open Championship from Royal Lytham and St Anne's Golf Club (35604031)

3.00pm News and Weather (9342302) **3.05 Westminster** (Ceefax) (6239296) **3.55 News and Weather** (2880296)

4.00 Cartoon (7436234) **4.05 Little Mouse on the Prairie** (2899944) **4.30 Bouncing Back: The Best Bits of Johnny Ball** (128) **5.00 Newsround** (8713499) **5.10 The Lowdown** (r) (Ceefax) (7172654)

5.35 Golf: The Open. Further coverage of the first day's play (86113596)

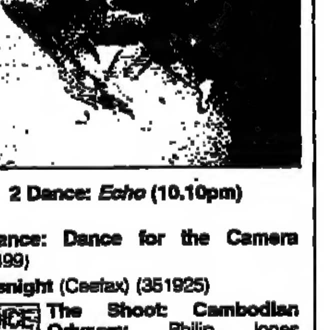
7.30 CHOICE **Sir: Home by Christmas? (1914-1915)** (b/w) (Ceefax) (s) (857)

8.00 Rick Stein's Taste of the Sea. Top seafood chef Rick Stein shares his culinary secrets. Mayday is the most important date of the year in Padstow. Locals follow the 'obby 'orse round the narrow streets, stopping off at each other's houses for a "reviver". Stein creates a lobster salad in hot, spicy Thai sauce for his visitors (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3437)

8.30 One Foot in the Past. Kirsty Wark follows an application for Lottery funds to save the Llangollen Steam Railway; Elain Harwood delves into the world of Victorian insanity at Claybury Asylum in Middlesex; plus a look at Sunderland Football Club's Roker Park. The famous ground closes this year as the club moves to a new ground (s) (2944)

9.00 The Travel Show. Unusual and exotic holidays around the world, including a look at some secret haunts discovered by veteran travellers Eric and Wanda Newby in Istanbul. Meanwhile Tina Ritchie, a Radio 1 traffic reporter, offers a guide to enjoying a motorway journey (s) (3654)

9.30 Golf: The Open. Highlights of the first day's play (510321)



2 Dance: *Echo* (10.10pm)

10.10 2 Dance: Dance for the Camera (144499)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (351925)

11.15 CHOICE **The Shoot: Cambodian Odyssey.** Philip Jones Griffiths talks about his fascination with Cambodia (Ceefax) (s) (976418)

12.00 The Midnight Hour with Trevor Phillips. The political chat show which probes parliamentary issues (58567)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Sir

BBC2, 7.30pm

In televisual terms this programme, derived from the letters pages of *The Times* during 1913 to 1919, comes across as a mixture of the *Rock 'n' Roll Years* and *Points of View*. Trawling through the archives of the Thunderer, Aubrey Singer and Stephen Hearst have patched together historical fact and *The Times*'s readership's reaction to it. The second part of the series concentrates on the first year of the war from 1914-15. Headlines from *The Times* flush up underneath the archive film and photographs while the judicious use of music sets the tone for the letters. As the war progresses their mood switches from optimistic jingoism to genuine horror at the casualties. Read by such stellar performers as Christopher Lee, Leo McKern, Jane Lapotaire, James Villiers and Art Malik, the language of these letters is eloquent.

Secret History: Konkordski

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Espionage, counter-espionage, collusion and cover-ups. Is this yet another piece of *X Files* fantasy, cooked up to feed our unending appetites for conspiracy theories? According to *Secret History*, no. The race for supersonic supremacy during the Cold War was no mere flight of fancy. In 1963 Khrushchev ordered his spies to gather information on the Anglo-French Concorde project, beginning a war of bluff and double-bluff worthy of any James Bond novel. The Russians won the race to get their TU 44, or Konkordski, in the air before Concorde by a mere three months in 1968. But their efforts resulted in disaster with the plane crashing, killing all on board and eight French civilians, during the 1973 Paris Air Show. For the sake of diplomatic relations, the French and Soviet governments colluded to cover up the true cause of the accident.

The Shoot: Cambodian Odyssey

BBC2 11.15pm

Considering photographers are supposed to let their images do their talking, they can be a very voluble bunch. Take Welsh-born Philip Jones Griffiths, for example. Now president of the New York-based Magnum photo agency, Jones Griffiths began his career in the killing fields of Cambodia, sparking off a love affair with the country. During the course of Richard Trayler Smith's film, which follows him on a trip back to this "visually seductive" land, the man not only manages to give us an insight into his career, but also packs in raunchy anecdotes and a running commentary about Cambodia's past, present and possible future. Jones Griffiths' black and white photographs of a maimed and torn people and their country are used in powerful contrast to the Technicolor tumble that is Cambodia today.

The Greatest Show on Earth

BBC1, 10.00pm

On the eve of the opening ceremony of the 26th Olympiad comes a documentary from the team that brought us *The House*, the fly-on-the-wall treasure about Covent Garden Opera House. The director Michael Waldman has opted to concentrate on the people who have made the Atlanta event happen. The team has been allowed access to the International Olympic Committee headquarters in Lausanne, the sporting world's holy of holies. From the archetypal Southern belle whose task it is to ensure the right image of the Games is portrayed, to the Atlanta man who has earned a staggering $200,000 for renting out his house, it is the wealth and diversity of human endeavour that interests Waldman. **Frances Lass**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1300437)

9.25 The Real Ghostbusters (r) (6672234)

9.50 Hope and Gloria (7148128)

10.20 News headlines (9517470)

10.25 HTV News (9516741)

10.30 Bugs Bunny — All-American Hero (2657963)

10.55 FILM: Kim (1984) with Peter O'Toole, Bryan Brown and John Rhys-Davies. Action adventure yarn set in British-ruled India. Part two can be seen tomorrow. Director John Davies (7383352)

12.20 HTV West News (Teletext) (2349031)

12.30 News (Teletext) (9860708)

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (9845499) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (5098505) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (61738944)

2.25 FILM: The Outside Woman (1989) with Sharon Gless, Scott Glen and Max Gail. Conclusion of yesterday's film about a woman who falls in love with a convict and arranges his escape from prison. Directed by Lou Antonio (7938673)

3.20 News headlines (9359692)

3.25 HTV News (9358963)

3.30 The Riddlers (3523760) **3.40 Wizadora** (1295586) **3.50 Molly's Gang** (3534876) **4.05 Animaniacs** (4758128) **4.20 Blazing Dragons** (5827012) **4.45 The Scoop** (5248895)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (7619963)

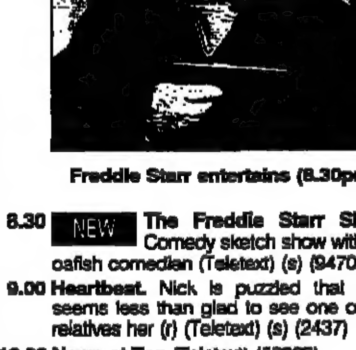
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (736147)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (835470)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (434654)

7.00 Emmerdale. The Dingles have designs on Jack's prize cow (Teletext) (s) (3925)

8.00 The Bill. Operation Eagle Eye suffers a serious blow when Carver and Jarvis misjudge the condition of a witness (Teletext) (8073)



Freddie Starr entertains (8.30pm)

8.30 NEW **The Freddie Starr Show.** Comedy sketch show with the oafish comedian (Teletext) (s) (9470)

9.00 Heartbeat. Nick is puzzled that Kate seems less than glad to see one of her relatives her (r) (Teletext) (s) (2437)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) (53963)

10.30 HTV News (592895)

10.40 Unbridled Passions. The pressure begins to mount for top racehorse trainer Philip Hobbs, who hasn't had a winner in two weeks (399234)

11.10 Summer Getaways (Teletext) (s) (959166) **11.40 Bodies of Evidence** (684925) **12.35 Carnal Knowledge** (7716703) **1.45 Not Fade Away** (s) (840277) **2.45 Flux** (s) (831529) **3.45 Late & Loud** (r) (s) (9761635) **4.40 Sound Bites** (22563971) **5.00 Grass Roots** (Teletext) (s) (55513)

5.30 Morning News (46722)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm Wales Tonight (550789)

6.55-7.00 Party Political Broadcast by Plaid Cymru (706789)

10.40 Spirit of Discovery (399234)

11.10-11.40 Something Strange (959166)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Laker Girls (86132499)

12.55pm Emmerdale (9845499)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61681760)

1.55 Home and Away (92932128)

2.25 Sixth Sense (61731031)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (7419437)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7619963)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (65296)

10.30 Westcountry News (583147)

10.45 On the Edge (453166)

11.15 Roadrunner (450079)

11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (486654)

12.45am Carnal Knowledge (844093)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

10.30 Film: Laker Girls (86132499)

12.55pm Home and Away (9845499)

1.25 Cross Wits (61681760)

1.55 A Country Practice (78500857)

2.20 Sixth Sense (61732760)

2.50-3.20 High Road (9537234)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7619963)

6.25 Central News and Weather (850789)

6.55-7.00 Life Line (706789)

10.40 London Bridge (399234)

11.10-11.40 Revelations (959166)

12.40am Carnal Knowledge (8617426)

1.40 Not Fade Away (7046819)

2.40 Flux (7309258)

3.35 The Crime Hour (9874155)

4.30 Jobfinder (55674616)

4.35 Bushell on the Box (22655906)

4.50 Jobfinder (92323635)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 10.30 People Like Us (86132499) **12.55pm Emmerdale** (9845499) **1.25 Home and Away** (61681760) **1.55 Shortland Street** (78500857) **2.20 Sixth Sense** (61732760) **2.50-3.20 Summer Getaways** (9537234) **5.10 Home and Away** (7619963) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (147) **6.30-7.00 Grass Roots** (499) **10.40 Film: Used Cars** (56460031) **12.40am Phoenix** (8830987) **5.00 Freescreen** (55513)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 Star Street (8470166) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (90079) **9.00 Film: The Return of the Scarlet Pimpernel** (8149215) **10.25 Borderline 1 and 2** (7923789) **10.35 Film: The Black Arrow** (2931906) **12.00 Australia Wild** (50876) **12.30pm On the Road to the Islands** (88147) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (93166) **1.30 Film: Best Foot Forward** (52389437) **3.15 Ricki Lake** (8210760) **4.00 Backdate** (352) **4.30 The Hole Story** (296) **5.00 5 Pump: Superted** (2321) **5.30 Countdown** (876) **6.00 Newyddion** (299654) **6.15 Heno** (183418) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (963147) **7.25 Talwrn Y Beirdd** (745692) **8.00 Y Felin Bop** (8505) **8.30 Darllediad** (594586) **8.35 Newyddion** (798215) **9.05 Er Mwyn Duw: Yr Ysbryd** (506895) **9.35 Human Jungle** (108437) **10.05 Tour de France** (629505) **10.35 The Final Passage** (65615505) **12.40am Captain Pedro and the Three Wishes** (8615068)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Star Street (r) (8470166)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (90079)

9.00 FILM: The Return of the Scarlet Pimpernel (1937, b/w). A swashbuckling tale with Barry K. Barnes, Sophie Stewart, Margaretta Scott and James Mason, directed by Hans Schwartz (8149215)

10.25 Borderline 1 and 2 (7923789)

10.35 FILM: The Black Arrow (1948, b/w) Adventure yarn with Louis Hayward Gordon Douglas directs (Teletext) (2931906)

12.00 Australia Wild (Teletext) (50876) **12.30 Lonely Planet** (r) (Teletext) (s) (88147) **1.00 Sesame Street** (r) (76302) **2.00 Pete Smith Specialties** (b/w) (96788789)

2.20 FILM: Judgement Deferred (1951, b/w) starring Hugh Sinclair. An off-beat thriller about a reporter on the trail of a drugs ring. Directed by John Baxter (767321)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (352) **4.30 Countdown** (Teletext) (s) (296) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (5709708) **5.45 Terrytoons** (839514)

6.00 Eerie Indiana (r) (Teletext) (833012)

6.25 Tour de France. The 18th stage (432296)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (836383)

7.50 The Slot (662166)

8.00 Black Bag: Get Rushdie! A look at how the "Rushdie Case" has become central to Iran's domestic politics (8505)

8.30 Home to Roost. Comedy series with John Thaw. Henry is shocked to find his son wearing makeup, and even more aghast when he discovers he also wants to be an actor (r) (Teletext) (7012)

9.00 CHOICE **Secret History: Konkordski.** Charting the Cold War race to build the first supersonic aeroplane (Teletext) (s) (2609)

McGann and Grant (10.00)

10.00 FILM: Withnail and I (1986) starring Richard E. Grant, Paul McGann and Richard Griffiths. A cult, black comedy about the misadventures of a pair of out-of-work actors from London on a rain-sodden holiday in the Lake District. With Michael Elphick and Ralph Brown. Directed by Bruce Robinson (2302)

12.00 Adult Ricki (Teletext) (s) (9547074)

12.50am Kids in the Hall. Comedy from Canada (r) (Teletext) (s) (6536161)

1.20 Beavis and Butthead. Rock video reviews (r) (s) (7049906)

1.55 Let the Blood Run Free. Dr Good and Nurse Pam find their dreams have come true (r) (s) (3125154)

2.20 FILM: Champion (1989) starring Michael James and Milan Borich. Drama tracing the unlikely friendship between a black GI and a 12-year-old boy with whose family he is billeted during the Second World War. Directed by Peter Sharp (s) (976600). Ends at 4.00

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (10857) **9.00** Press Your Luck (1919470) **9.20** Love Connection (3583692) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (9230895) **10.40** International Jeopardy! (6361760) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (1301944) **12.00** Sightings (70654) **12.30pm** Murphy Brown (12875) **1.00** Hotel (36708) **2.00** Geraldo (45645) **3.00** Court TV (7654) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (5358708) **4.15** Undun (4081418) **5.00** Quantum Leap (1234) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (16944) **7.00** Spellbound (2963) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5789) **8.00** Through the Keyhole (8383) **8.30** The World at Their Feet (7418) **9.00** The Commish (53499) **10.00** Quantum Leap (56586) **11.00** Highlander (23321) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (1022258) **12.45am** A Death in California (5342529) **1.30** The Edge (92109) **2.00** Hit Mix

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (7936383) **9.30** Beyond 2000 (79215) **10.30** ABC Nightline (87944) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (53789) **2.30** Parliament Live (9380429) **3.15** Parliament Live (8212550) **5.00** Live at Five (27321) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (59692) **7.30** Sportsline (64944) **8.30** Reuters Reports (8760) **11.30** CBS News (24321) **12.30am** ABC World News (25971) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (21426) **2.30** Reuters Reports (51819) **3.30** Parliament Replay (56364) **4.30** CBS News (33703) **5.30** ABC World News (88722)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Ivanhoe (1952) (78128) **8.00 State Fair (1962)** (98147) **10.00 French Silk (1993)** (12811) **12.00 They All Laughed (1981)** (71470) **2.00 The Aviator (1985)** (70166) **4.00 The Great American Traffic Jam (1980)** (6166) **6.00 French Silk (1993)** (91326505) **7.40 US Top Ten** (747296) **8.00 Cops and Robbersons (1994)** (83302) **9.30 Cool Runnings (1993)** (868215) **11.15 Red Sun Rising (1993)** (559876) **1.00am Walk Proud (1979)** (670548) **2.35 The Saint of Fort Washington (1993)** (869451) **4.15-6.00 The Great American Traffic Jam (1980)** (616277)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Lost World (1960) (92012) **2.00pm The Sky's the Limit (1943)** (52708) **4.00 The Mouse That Roared (1959)** (12489895) **5.35 Come Fill the Cup (1951)** (95015079) **7.35 Battle of the Bulge (1965)** (40095296) **10.00 A Nightmare on Elm Street Part 2: Freddy's Revenge (1985)** (90128) **11.30 Electra Glide in Blue (1973)** (91857) **1.30am It Lives Again (1978)** (53600) **3.00-4.30 Back Street (1941)** (10703)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Belle Starr (1941) (94673) **7.30 Ivanhoe (1986)** (97760) **8.30 Sherlock Holmes: The Baskerville Curse (1983)** (91418) **10.00 Cheyenne Warrior (1994)** (12893) **12.00 The Black Rose (1950)** (79012) **2.00pm Children of the Dark (1994)** (78708) **4.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Baskerville Curse (1983)** (4708) **6.00 Romantic Undertaking (1995)** (58944) **8.00 Trapped in Space (1994)** (60789) **10.00 Blindfold: Acts of Obsession (1993)** (864147) **11.35 A Woman Scorned (1993)** (607012) **1.25am Breaking the Silence (1981)** (686109) **3.05 Scam (1992)** (920161) **4.50-6.00 Ivanhoe (1986)** (1165838)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.

6.05am Quack Attack (78848302) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dale (64366857) **6.55** Chip 'n' Dale (64378692) **7.20** Ducktales (10637091) **7.45** Ducktales (34485050) **8.10** Quack Attack (16480514) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (47625944) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (85218166) **9.30** Quack Attack (14944012) **10.00** Walt Disney Presents (59346944) **11.00** Chip 'n' Dale (82926708) **11.20** Chip 'n' Dale (82902128) **11.45** Adventures in Wonderland (52774166) **12.15pm** Lamb Chop (64144673) **12.45** Muppet Babies (50470215) **1.00 FILM: Ballerina** (37384654) **2.35** Quack Attack (34357465) **3.00** Ducktales (10849383) **3.25** Quack Attack (10867418) **3.50** Chip 'n' Dale (68381012) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (58021963) **4.35** Darkwing Duck (97493234) **5.00** Gargoyles (66480079) **5.30** Walt Disney Presents (78658234) **6.20** Emerald Cove (52386741) **6.30** Dinosaurs (84968031) **7.00** The Torkelsons (66460215) **7.30** Faerie Tale Theatre (56885857) **8.30** Gargoyles (50713079) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs (14968692)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Formula 1 (31128) **8.00** Cycling (43296) **10.00** Motors (60876) **11.00** Formula 1 (68586) **11.30** Motorcycling Magazine (60215) **12.00** Live Tennis (24586) **2.00pm** Live Cycling (298944) **4.30** Tennis (219437) **7.00** Olympic Games (65321) **9.00** Cycling (337499) **9.50** Sportscentre (979147) **10.00** Sumo (10708) **11.00** Formula 1 (84895) **11.30** Motorcycling Magazine (33234) **12.00-12.30am** Sailing (27635)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Inside the PGA Tour (67789) **7.30** World Wrestling Federation — Superstars (26296) **8.30** Racing News (77692) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (68944) **9.30** Skiff Sailing: UK Series (63073) **10.00** Max Out (19654) **10.30** Inside the PGA Tour (3158296) **10.55** U19 One Day International Cricket: England v New Zealand — Live (232741) **7.30pm** The Winning Post: Worcester and Redcar — Live (11944) **9.00** Boots 'n' All (82925) **10.00** Sky Sports Centre (688383) **10.15** Skiff Sailing: UK Series (618031) **10.45** Formula Three Racing (617302) **11.15** U19 One Day International Cricket: England v New Zealand (608771) **1.15am** Boots 'n' All (642780) **2.15** Skiff Sailing (345190) **2.45-3.00** Sky Sports Centre (7145529)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm Tight Lines (3648186) **8.00** Golf: 125th Open Championship (4448050) **11.00** Futbol Mundial (9199645) **11.30** Tight Lines (8152147) **12.30am-1.00** Formula Three Racing (6008384)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

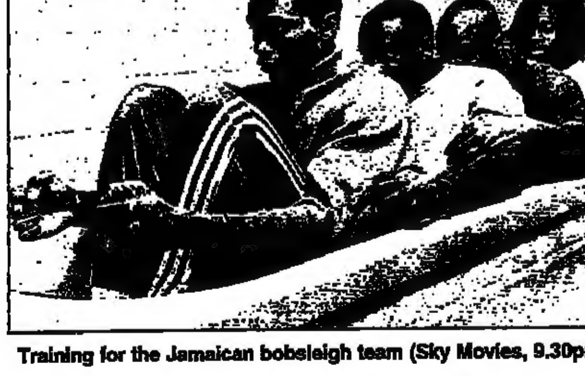
6.15am General Christian Entertainment **6.45** Good Morning Europe **7.00** Closedown **4.00pm** Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Victory **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** This Is Your Day

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (3172302) **7.55** As the World Turns (4953470) **8.50** Peyton Place (9451654) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (9038944) **10.10-11.00** Another World (4213321)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (8549906) **11.30** Great Sports Vacations (7189465) **12.00** Moving Moving Postcards — Coastal Suffolk (6032654) **12.30** Floyd on Oz (6505963) **1.00pm** Getaway (6145586) **1.30** On Top of the World (6504234) **2.00** Over the Wall in China (1021128) **3.00** Globetrotter (2559876) **3.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (5919654) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (86370418)



Training for the Jamaican bobsleigh team (Sky Movies, 9.30pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm American Caesar (8924506) **5.00** Memories of 1980 (2540128) **6.00-7.00** Biography (6580654)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from **8am-2am** on cable and **1am-4am**, plus **7pm-10pm** Monday-Wednesday, on satellite

1.00am The Six Million Dollar Man (7114882) **2.00-4.00 FILM: Hangar 18** (3462180)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (5720383) **9.30** Grow Your Own (8420499) **10.00** Neat Stuff (6416789) **10.30** This Old House (5759895) **11.00** The Painted House (1537673) **11.30** Room Service (1538302) **12.00** Julia Child (5740147) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (8424215) **1.00** Simply Delicious Versatile Vegetables (1306321) **1.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (8423586) **2.00** Our House (7205875) **2.30** Garden Club (3223147) **3.00** Two's Country (8750980) **3.30-4.00** The Old House (3228892)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (1316708) **7.30** Neighbours (1395215) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5749418) **8.30** EastEnders (5748789) **9.00** The Bill (5722741) **9.30** The Sullivans (8422857) **10.00** Bergerac (1391499) **11.00** Bullseye (1539031) **11.30** XYZ (1889128) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (83200147) **12.30** Neighbours (8426673) **1.00** EastEnders (2437079) **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (4303166) **2.15** Comrade Dad (6467296) **2.50** Butterflies (6111393) **3.30** The Bill (3220050) **4.00** Casualty (1520383) **5.00** Every Second Counts (6037895) **5.45** Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (6433012) **6.25** EastEnders (4969876) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (3955654) **8.00** Bullseye (1005037) **8.30** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (6855334) **9.00** Miss Marple: Sleeping Murder (3984166) **10.00** The Bill (3161944) **10.35** Canned Carrott (1851079) **11.10** The Sweeney (4737963) **12.15am** Classic Sport (7825780) **1.10** Pulaski (4856987) **2.05-3.00** Shopping at Night (4998242)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (16166) **6.30** Round the Twist (94470) **7.00** Ready or Not (33857) **7.30** California Dreams (45692) **8.00** Byker Grove (12789) **8.30** Degrassi Junior High (31960) **9.00** Iznogoud (95012) **9.30** Bobby's World (32031) **10.00** Battletech (18050) **10.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (91296) **11.00** Sturn Dawgs (18876) **11.30** Baby Follies (19505) **12.00** Barney and Friends (15876) **12.30pm** Tiny and Crew (7852944) **12.50** Cartoon with Little Brmm (44730673) **1.00** Bump (96598296) **1.10** Cococinel (77089437) **1.15** Teddy Trucks (98500031) **1.30** Sesame Street (35321) **2.30** Johnson and Friends (9106401) **2.40** Greedysaurus and the Gang (3831128) **2.45** King Rollo (3830499) **2.50** The Clangers (5706645) **3.00** Eek the Cat (4128) **3.30** The New Pink Panther Show (6215) **4.00** California Dreams (8050) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (4234)

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6.00am Bananas in Pyjamas (9601050) **6.15** Mr Men (9806505) **6.30** Babar (26944) **7.00** Littlest Pet Shop (58031) **7.30** Turtles (77166) **8.00** Biker Mice from Mars (76963) **8.30** Mighty Max (75234) **9.00** Rugrats (49470) **10.00** Real Monsters (17296) **10.30** Doug (55470) **11.00** Rocko (65760) **11.30** Pete and Pete (73789) **12.00** Alex Mack (79050) **12.30pm** Ren and Stimpy (63091) **1.00** Santo Bugito (57302) **1.30** Capital Critters (13532) **2.00** Ferrals (2505) **2.30** Mighty Max (8854) **3.00** Biker Mice from Mars (1012) **3.30** Real Monsters (6429) **4.00** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (2234) **4.30** Rugrats (8418) **5.00** Sister Sister (5692) **6.00** Alex Mack (9383) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (3963))

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Africa the Hard Way (1529925) **5.00** Time Travellers (9205055) **5.30** Jurassica (3227963) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (8432234) **7.00** Wild Things (3605811) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (3204012) **8.00** The Professionals (3962944) **9.00** Driving Passions (1557437) **9.30** Flightline (8444079) **10.00** Classic Wheels (3985895) **11.00-12.00** Hostage to Fortune (1383470)

BRAVO

12.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood (5737673) **12.30pm** The Adventures of William Tell (8411741) **1.00** thirtysomething (8416296) **2.00** Department S (5404944) **3.00** The Saint (1536944) **4.00 FILM: The Fallen Idol** (8306522) **6.00** The New Adventures of Charlie Chan (3211302) **6.30** Danger Man (3202654) **7.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (3973050) **8.00** Land of the Giants (3959470) **9.00** Twin Peaks (3979234) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Bloody Kids** (1535215)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (6321) **7.30** Entertainment Tonight (9147) **8.00** Wings (2741) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (1876) **9.00** Soap (52296) **9.30** Taxi (94857) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (87079) **10.30** The Critic (63499) **11.00** Dr Katz (57741) **11.30** Nightstand (77437) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (83703) **1.00** Laverne and Shirley (89161) **1.30** Taxi (36567) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight (23180) **2.30** The Critic (19987) **3.00** Dr Katz (32187) **3.30-4.00** Nightstand

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (4619596) **7.00** Esther (2421963) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (4146789) **8.20** Gladrags and Glamour (6542055) **8.30** Mr Smith's Favourite Garden (8036654) **9.00** Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery (3827012) **9.35** Kate and Allie (8096296) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (8341505) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (8679050) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (4439857) **11.55** Brookside (4250944) **12.30pm** Gabrielle (7435418) **1.20** Catchword (3273234) **2.00** Agony Hour (2643741) **3.00** Live at Three (2551925) **4.00** Infatuation UK (7140857) **4.30** Crosswits (7103944) **5.05** Lingo (84807673) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7153321) **6.00** Bewitched (7150234) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (3275760) **7.05** Brookside (5627055) **7.35** Trivial Pursuit (9321741) **8.00** Street Legal (1202893) **9.00 FILM: Mirrors** (50448505) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (3729586) **10.55** Sex Life (4812586) **11.25-12.00** More Sex Life (4440012)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Through the Keyhole (9673) **5.30** My Two Dads (5586) **6.00** Batman (2489) **6.30** Catchphrase (6079) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (9437) **7.30** The Fall Guy (57692) **8.30** Only When I Laugh (7692) **9.00** Father Dowling Mysteries (26383) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (29470) **11.00** Sirens (42505) **12.00** The Fall Guy (77797) **1.00am** Batman (25987) **1.30** Father Dowling (83258) **2.30** All Together Now (56703) **3.00** Big Brother Jake (38451) **3.30** GP (73155) **4.00** Trivial Pursuit (67548) **4.30-5.00** Night Hood

MTV

7.30am Boy Bands . . . (47050) **8.00** Morning Mix (608692) **11.00** Star Trax (23470) **12.00** Greatest Hits (24012) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (78483) **3.00** Select MTV (22079) **4.00** Hanging Out (58654) **5.30** Dial MTV (7944) **6.00** Hanging Extra (4857) **6.30** The Big Picture (8437) **7.00** Star Trax (39857) **8.00** Take That (48505) **9.00** Singled Out (94429) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (94383) **11.00** Headbangers' Ball (90302) **1.00am-5.00** Videos (7359797) **5.59** Awake

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (6144857) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (2049234) **12.00** Heart and Soul (6593128) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (6502876) **2.00** Ten of the Best (1023586) **3.00** Into the Music (6126302) **6.00** Happy Hour (6582012) **7.00** VH-1 for You (6168437) **9.00** Ten of the Best (3645708) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (3649895) **11.00** Music First (6157321) **12.00** VH-1 to 1: Def Leppard (6378818) **12.30am** The Bridge (8000722) **1.00** Ten of the Best (5314600) **2.00** Dawn Patrol (4503180)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (92368234) **7.30** Life Style (70618079) **8.30** PBU Report (82497031) **9.00** Sraon Ka Karvan (82488383) **9.30** Your Zindagi (46078673) **10.00** Bharat Ek Khoj (92343925) **11.00** Skakti (86556470) **11.30** Banegi Apni Baat (32582031) **12.30pm** Dastaan (46089789) **1.00 Hindi FILM: Shrat** (79570708) **4.00** Zee Top Ten (86570050) **5.00** Zee Zone (41688963) **5.30** Kya Scene Hai (20147895) **6.30** Awaaz Nayee Andaz Wohi (60080586) **7.00** Zee and You (41676499) **7.00** Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup (41678499) **7.30** Galaxzee (60079470) **8.00** News (41685147) **8.30** Andaz (41664654) **9.00** Urdu Serial (88354708) **10.00** Yaadon Ke Rang (86357895) **11.00** Commander (86588079) **11.30-12.00** Aaap Ki Farmaish (24347944)

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7.00pm Theme: The Unmissables (66468857) 7.00 Victor, Victoria (1982) (91470963) **9.15 Westworld (1973)** (25886234) **11.00 Wise Guys (1986)** (27311383) **12.35am The Wheeler Dealers (1963)** (55251567) **2.30-5.00 Adventures of Tartu (1943)** (24042180)

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THURSDAY JULY 18 1996

Early start gives Faldo chance to make running in quest for Open Championship

Terrors of Lytham tamed by weather

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

JUST imagine it. Golfers from all over the world have travelled to Lytham to compete in the 125th Open Championship over a course they have been indoctrinated to fear. Mind out for the wind, they were told before they left. Avoid the bunkers, they were counselled as they packed their bags. Watch out for the back nine, were words that rang in their heads as they made their way to their airports.

What has happened? There

THE OPEN

has been little wind all week, a sun has beaten down ceaselessly and dried out the course and the rough, which was still wispy in parts after little rainfall during the year, has not grown to consistent thickness.

The result is that the 6,892-yard links, with its 188 bunkers and an inward half that is considered to be so tigerish when played into the prevailing wind, is compliant and at its most benevolent. What the competitors saw as they put the finishing touches to their preparation last night was not what they had expected at all. They must have felt like opera goers who set out for some Wagner and find a light work by Mozart instead. This has become the most open Open on a course that desperately needs a decent wind to turn it into the sort of test its reputation suggests it is. A links golf course without wind is only half a test, like sitting an exam and knowing half the questions.

"When I played today, some of the guys told me the wind was about three-quarters the strength it could be," Phil Mickelson said on Monday. Since then the wind has just about disappeared completely. "I enjoy links golf," Corey Pavin said. "It's fun to play them because you have to use your imagination. You can run them up, fly them up and the ball is always going to run. Downwind it will always run 70 yards. Even long irons will run 50 yards."

There is an extraordinary amount of support for Severiano Ballesteros, not because it is *thought* that he can win but because it is *hoped* that he can, which is altogether a different matter. He has been having attention to his back from Tom Boers, the man whom Greg Norman and Fred Couples have brought over from America to look after their backs, and the pain, which caused him to pull out of a dinner on Tuesday night and have treatment instead, appeared not to be troubling him.

Wherever you went on the course yesterday there was evidence of this weight of feeling for the Spaniard. "What time is Seve coming through?" "How is Seve doing?" At times it was hard to remember that this was a practice round.

Ballesteros and Sergio Garcia, the 16-year-old European amateur champion, had beaten Stephen Ames and Rob Edwards by the 15th. "Can I give you a cheque?" Ames said to Ballesteros on the 16th tee. "No, no" Ballesteros replied smiling. "I keep my trophies in the bank." Then he pull-hooked not one but two separate iron shots from the 16th tee, perhaps intent on proving that he doesn't always hit it far to the right under a car.

In *The Times* today: a 24-page colour guide to the Open Championship

If Ballesteros can summon up the skills that have lain idle for years and produce the victory here that would give him a fourth Open, it will be one of the most sensational comebacks in golf. The fact is, it will not happen.

The winner is most likely to be one of a handful of men whose reputations and skills have made them among the best in the world and who are playing well at the moment. The best example seems to be Nick Faldo, who celebrates his 39th birthday today, though he caused a few flutters of concern at the way he and David Leadbetter, his coach, were seen so often in earnest discussion as Faldo played late yesterday afternoon. Faldo sometimes took as long as 20 minutes to complete a hole and often hit dozens of bunker shots.

The Masters champion has a nearly-ideal starting time of 7.33am. To be out so early, before the greens have borne the weight of hundreds of pairs of spiked shoes, is an enormous advantage. Remember how Ballesteros started when he was off so early here in 1988? Birdie, birdie, birdie, birdie, ultimately signing for the 67 that launched him towards his third Open.

Davis Love's form in major championships has changed so dramatically since the start of 1995 that he is now among the favourites. Second and fourth in the Masters and US Open of 1995, he was seventh and second in the same events this year.

His father played here in 1963 and finished well. "Dad played over here and loved it," Love said. "I enjoy this one more than the other ones. If I could win one major, this would be the one." Ernie Els is ready to step forward and claim a second major title just as Phil Mickelson is ready to claim a first. Both have the necessary equipment, as does Colin Montgomerie, and it may not be a bad omen that Montgomerie was well off key in his final preparations and rushed to the practice ground with Bill Ferguson, his coach.

Montgomerie has gone into several recent major championships assuring all and sundry that his game was at its peak. A good bit of old fashioned gloom may be just what he needs.

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Faldo plays an iron shot off the tee during his practice round yesterday. He alarmed some followers by spending much of the time in discussion with his coach. Photograph: Julian Herbert

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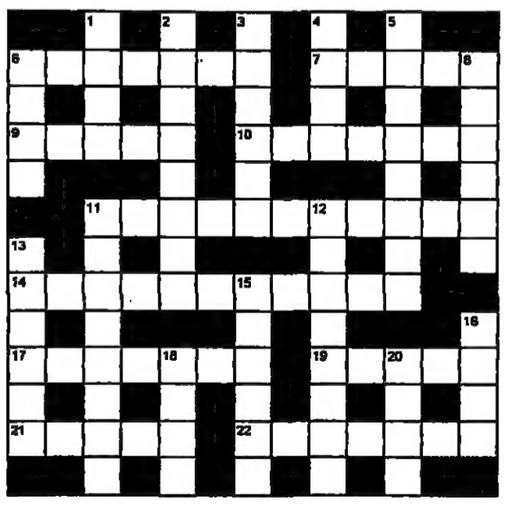

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6 Acrobats' bar (7)
7 Profit, often filthy (5)
9 Ancient survival (5)
10 Cause amazement (7)
11 Extra cold felt in wind (5,6)
14 Vent one's feelings (3,3,5)
17 Make longer; a period (7)
19 Daniel —, *Crusoe* author (5)
21 Royal race meeting (5)
22 Islamic caller to prayer (7)

DOWN
1 Roman France (4)
2 Cloth worn round neck (8)
3 Remember; summon back (6)
4 Stain, esp. on escutcheon (4)
5 Familiarise (8)
6 Period; defining word (4)
8 Put up with (6)
11 Reduced-rate (bargain) (3-5)
12 The Granite City; a 19C PM (8)
13 Largest US state (6)
15 System; plan; diagram (6)
16 Intend; miserly (4)
18 Art gallery; Nahum —, hymn-writer (4)
20 Disconcert; sounds like *development stage* (4)

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Chinese handed drugs ultimatum

FROM CRAIG LORD AND JOHN GOODBODY IN ATLANTA

CHINA, which has produced more positive tests in the past five years than the rest of the swimming world ever has, was given an ultimatum yesterday: stop the drug cheats or the nation will be banished from international competition for at least two years.

On the eve of an Olympic Games competition that is widely expected to be a replay of the world championships in Rome in 1994, when Chinese women won 12 out of 16 events while no Chinese men reached a final, more than 100 swimming nations voted to adopt the toughest sanctions against drug-taking in world sport against the wishes of Fina, the international governing body. After the seven positive steroid tests among Chinese swimmers in late 1994, which took the Chinese total to 19 since 1991, Australia recommended that first steroid offences should be punished with a four-year suspension for the swimmer concerned, second offenses should merit a lifetime expulsion and four positive tests in a rolling 12-month period a suspension of two years for the federation, or nation, concerned. Had the rule existed in 1994, China would not be competing at the Georgia Tech pool in Atlanta.

Fina had urged its members to water down the Australian proposal, first voted on last December but deferred, to a minimum of two years for a first steroid offence on the grounds that challenges to the rules in civil courts could fail because they might be deemed to infringe human rights. However, only a handful of the 107 nations voting in Atlanta objected to the more stringent sanctions, which will come into effect in two months' time.

As the issue of drugs continued to dominate the the build-up to the Games, Yuri Mychkovets, a light-heavyweight (under 83kg) weightlifter, has been dropped from the Russia team. Mychkovets failed a drug test in Moscow before leaving for Atlanta. The Russians declined to identify what type of drug Mychkovets had taken.

American animal rights campaigners yesterday warned international officials, including The Princess Royal, that they could face court action if horses suffered during the three-day event competition, which begins on Sunday. The Humane Society of the United States said that it was prepared to take to court the International Equestrian Federation (FIE), whose president is The Princess Royal, if it failed to protect horses, particularly in the gruelling cross-country stage. The society wants the FIE to cancel the competition in case of severe injury or death, withdraw horses from competition if they fall once and establish guidelines allowing them to withdraw horses which suffer heat or respiratory problems.

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Blackburn raise a smile over Cantona

BY DAVID MADDOCK

AS THE fax machine in the Old Trafford offices spluttered into life yesterday morning, those who noted its message could barely keep a straight face. As Ken Ramsden, the Manchester United assistant secretary, put it: "There were a few amused smiles around the place after that fax."

The cause of such merriment and incredulity, mixed in equal parts, was a message from Blackburn Rovers. It read: "Blackburn Rovers Football Club would like to table a formal offer of £4 million for Eric Cantona." It was signed by Robert Coar, the Blackburn chairman, who later denied that the fact that United have made three bids for Alan Shearer, Rovers' best player, was connected to the approach.

Nonetheless, Blackburn have become increasingly annoyed at attempts by their Lancashire rivals to prise Shearer away from Ewood Park and Coar's response was seen as a sarcastic attempt to emphasise his assertion that the England forward is not for sale.

"This is a proper bid, a serious offer, and must be regarded as such," Coar said. "If you don't ask, you don't get and don't forget that few people believed Paul Ince would be allowed to leave United last summer. It has nothing to do with Shearer, but we did take the opportunity to make it clear that the Alan Shearer situation has not changed. He is not for sale."

Coar presented a second defensive front yesterday when he denied there had been a bid by Arsenal for his side's captain, Tim Sherwood. "He will not be speaking to Arsenal," Coar said.

Cantona: staying put

United were less amused at news that Slavia Prague are now asking for £4.2 million for Karel Poborsky, their international midfield player. The Czech Republic club had agreed a fee of £3.5 million with Maurice Watkins, the United legal director, but a bid from Sheffield Wednesday at the increased level seems to have inspired them to hold out for the new figure.

Neither David Ginola, of Newcastle United, nor Gary McAllister, of Leeds United, appear to be moving anywhere. Rumours linking them to Barcelona and Coventry City, respectively, were dismissed emphatically by the Newcastle assistant manager, Terry McDermott, and McAllister himself yesterday.

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